CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION ON WYEBRIDGE SPORTS COLLEGE: ACADEMY PROJECT

Report By: Director of Corporate and Customer Services

Wards Affected

Belmont, Holington, and St Martins and Hinton.

Purpose

1.   To consider the Cabinet decision on the Wyebridge Sports College Academy project which has been called in by three Members of the Committee: Councillors JD Woodward, AM Toon and WU Attfield.

Reason For Call-In

2.   In accordance with Standing Order 7.3.1 and the Scrutiny Committee Rules set out at Appendix 2 of the Constitution, the Cabinet's decision on 6th September, 2007 on this issue has been called in for consideration by this Committee.

3.   The stated reasons for the call-in are:

   1) What role and added value will this make to the school, pupils and parents?

   2) What financial implications will it have?

   3) What will be the control and structure of the academy?

   4) What will the impact be on the Learning Village, particularly as the 6th Form is one of the top performing in the country?

   5) What consultation has there been, who has been consulted and what future consultation is being planned?

   6) How will the community and adult learning provision be continued under the requirements of the previous funding from Advantage West Midlands?

   7) Given the falling rolls situation, how can the academy justify 200 places, and what type of education will be provided?

   8) How will the academy function as a Community School, i.e. admissions, appeals process, rights of parents, exclusions etc.?

   9) Following the success of Whitecross school why was PFI not considered?

   10) What justification is there for having three secondary church schools?

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4.   The draft decision notice (Ref No: 2007.CAB.072KEY), together with the report to Cabinet on 6 September are appended to the report.

5.   It is for the Committee to decide whether it wishes to accept the decision of Cabinet or to refer the decision back to Cabinet for further consideration and if so what recommendations to Cabinet it wishes to make.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None

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