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Title	Final Report of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2019/2020: Education
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For Consideration By	Cabinet
Date to be Considered	8 December 2020
Implementation Date if Not Called In	21 December 2020
Affected Wards	All
Keywords/Index	Scrutiny; review, education, schools, recommendations

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to refer to Cabinet the final report and recommendations of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 which considered the provision of Education in Ealing.

1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- a) notes the final report of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2019/20 – Education, which is attached as **Appendix 1**;
- b) accepts the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations in Section 14 of the final report;
- c) identifies whether further information or advice is required from Council officers on any of the recommendations before Cabinet can take a decision about accepting or rejecting these;
- d) directs Council officers to produce/or finalise an action plan within an agreed timescale on those recommendations that are agreed by Cabinet.

2. Reason for Decision and Options Considered

2.1 Scrutiny Panel has a role in improving decision-making and service delivery through effective scrutiny. Recommendations from Scrutiny Panel need to be taken forward in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Constitution if the scrutiny function is to be effective. The Scrutiny and Executive Protocol identifies the timescale for Cabinet to respond to Scrutiny Panel recommendations. This decision will mean that the response is made in a timely manner and that services can implement the accepted recommendations.

3. Key Implications

3.1 The recommendations of Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2019/20 - Education are provided in a table format in Section 14 of the full report of the Panel in Appendix 1.

3.2 The Council Constitution (Part 2 Article 6.03) gives the OSC power to 'set up individual specialist panels to investigate and report back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee ...' Part 4 of the Constitution, Scrutiny Procedure Rules (par.10) identifies that OSC prepares a formal report on its recommendations and submits it to Cabinet.

3.3 Where appropriate, service officers have identified the financial, legal and any other pertinent implications against each recommendation to enable Cabinet to reach a decision.

3.4 OSC will, twice a year, monitor the progress on the implementation of each recommendation agreed by Cabinet.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The service officer response, including suggested actions which may have potential financial implications, to each recommendation is provided in Section 15 of Appendix 1.

4.2 The majority of the recommendations have no financial implications or those that have can be contained within existing service budgets. Where a recommendation involves additional funds then these will have to be contained at present and any further allocation of funds would need to be obtained through the normal budget setting process.

5. Legal

5.1 The constitution requires that Scrutiny Review Panel recommendations be submitted to OSC for approval prior to submission to Cabinet. These were considered and agreed by OSC on 8 October 2020.

5.2 Where additional legal support is required to implement recommendations, this will be met by the service concerned.

6. Value for Money

6.1 The effectiveness of scrutiny is measured by the quality of its recommendations to Cabinet and the extent to which it has contributed to both democratic renewal and Members' community development role. The Scrutiny Panel held open public meetings, solicited views through expert witnesses and media channels to ensure a regular and sustained input to the work of the Panel.

6.2 With respect to Scrutiny Panel recommendations, value for money implications are outlined in the officer response to each recommendation in the schedule, as appropriate.

6.3 If recommendations arising from Scrutiny Panel are not taken forward and implemented in a timely manner then improvements to service delivery are not being made in an efficient and effective manner.

7. Sustainability Impact Appraisal

7.1 There is none arising directly from this report.

8. Risk Management

8.1 There are no direct risk management implications arising from this report but the failure to act on agreed recommendations or action plans arising could give rise to risk issues in service delivery.

9. Community Safety

9.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report but the failure to act on agreed recommendations or action plans arising could give rise to risk issues in service delivery and community safety.

10. Links Applicable to the Three Key Priorities for the Borough

10.1 The recommendations arising from the Panel's review relate to all the three key priorities:

- good, genuinely affordable homes
- opportunities and living incomes
- a healthy and great place

11. Equalities, Human Rights and Community Cohesion

11.1 No Equality Analysis Assessment has been undertaken on these recommendations. Any equalities or community cohesion issues have been addressed by the service officers' response as appropriate.

12. Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation Implications

12.1 Any staffing/workforce and accommodation implications have been addressed by the service officers' response as appropriate.

13. Property and Assets

13.1 None.

14. Any Other Implications

14.1 None.

15. Consultation

15.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the final report of the Panel on 8 October 2020.

15.2 The recommendations take into consideration the views of local organisations and residents as expressed at the open meetings held by the Panel.

16. **Timetable for Implementation**

16.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will monitor, twice yearly, the implementation of the recommendations accepted by Cabinet.

Cabinet Action		Date	Service Implementation
1.	Cabinet accepts some or all recommendations.	8 December 2020	21 December 2020 – in line with Call-in requirements.
2.	Cabinet requests further information.	8 December 2020	Service provides additional information for Cabinet on 19 January 2021.
3.	As a result of further information, Cabinet accepts or rejects remaining recommendations.	19 January 2021	1 February 2021 – in line with Call-in requirements.

17. **Appendices**

17.1 **Appendix 1:** Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2019/20 - Education

18. **Background Information**

18.1 Ealing Council's Constitution is available at [Council Constitution](#)

18.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Agendas, Minutes and Reports, available at [Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#)

18.3 Scrutiny Review Panel 1 2019/20 - Education Minutes and Reports, available at https://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/317/Default.aspx

Report Consultation

<i>Name of Consultee</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Date Sent to Consultee</i>	<i>Date Response Received from Consultee</i>	<i>Comments Appear in Report Para</i>
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Julie Lewis	Director Learning Standards and Care Partnerships	19.08.20		
Gary Redhead	Assistant Director, Schools Planning and Resources	19.08.20		
Therese McGovern	School Workforce and Governance Adviser	19.08.20	18.09.20	
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Committee Members	08.10.20	08.10.20	
<i>External</i>				
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