

To the Chair and Members of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Doncaster and North Lindsey College Merger

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly Children, Young People and Schools	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee with the opportunity to consider the Doncaster and North Lindsey College Merger.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. There is no exempt information contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the Committee considers the information presented.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy.

BACKGROUND

5. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee expressed the wish to give consideration to the Doncaster and North Lindsey College Merger. The attached Consultation Document was published on 22 June 2017 and provides the context and rationale for the proposed merger of Doncaster College and North Lindsey College. The public consultation closed on 31 July 2017 and the official response to the consultation is due to be published on 30 September 2017, at which point it will also be circulated to members of the Scrutiny Committee.

Anne Tyrrell, Interim Joint Chief Executive of Doncaster College and North Lindsey College, will provide a presentation covering the benefits of the proposed merger and ambitions for Doncaster.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

6. There are no alternative options.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

7.

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	<p>The work of Overview a Scrutiny has the potential to have an impact on all the Council's key objective</p>
	<p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	
	<p>Council services are modern and value for money.</p>	
	<p>Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.</p>	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

8. The specific risks and assumptions relating to this issue are set out in the attached report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Under s13 and s14 of the Education Act 1996 and s68 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 the Local Authority has a general duty to secure sufficient suitable education and training provision for all young people in their area who are over compulsory school age but under 19 or aged 19 to 25 and for whom an Education, Health and Care plan is maintained.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no specific human resource implications arising from the this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no technology implications arising from this report

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

14. None directly associated with the report, this will be outlined by Doncaster College.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

15. None.

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