

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

1 JULY 2014

<p><b>RESULT OF CALL - IN</b> <b>- FUTURE OF NETHERFIELDS</b> <b>COMMUNITY CENTRE</b></p>
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### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. In accordance with Middlesbrough Council's call-in procedure, to report the outcome of the call-in that was received in respect of decisions of the Executive Sub-Committee for Property regarding the future of Netherfields Community Centre.

### RECOMMENDED

2. That the report is noted.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The Council's call-in procedure was instigated following decisions of the Council's Executive Sub-Committee for Property in respect of the future use of Netherfields Community Centre. These decisions were as follows:
  - That the use of Netherfields Community Centre to facilitate an extension to Priory Woods School be approved; and
  - That Priory Woods School is encouraged to work with the local community to accommodate their aspirations wherever possible.
4. A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on 9 June 2014 in order to review the above decisions. The OSB heard from the Member who initiated the call-in; from the Deputy Mayor/Executive Member - Finance/Governance, who had chaired the meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee for Property; and from Council Officers from Economic Development and Communities and Wellbeing Care and Learning.

5. Having heard the information presented at the meeting, the Overview and Scrutiny Board determined that the decisions shown above should be referred back to the sub-committee for the following reason:

*The proposed use of the building raises concerns regarding a future lack of provision of community facilities in Netherfields.*

6. As a result, the Executive Sub-Committee for Property met on 16 June 2014 and reconsidered its earlier decisions concerning Netherfields Community Centre. A report on the OSB's findings was considered and was presented at the meeting by Councillor T Mawston, Vice-Chair of the Board.
7. After considering the issues raised by the call-in and the decision of the OSB, the Executive Sub-Committee agreed to confirm its earlier decisions, as shown at Paragraph 3 above. As a result, the decisions will now be implemented.
8. In agreeing to confirm the decisions, the Executive Sub-Committee noted the issues that were raised by the call-in concerning the possible future use of the community centre building by the community. It was agreed that this should be the subject of a continuing community-use agreement with Priory Woods School.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-
  - Middlesbrough Council's Constitution/Call-In Procedure.
  - Middlesbrough Council's Scrutiny Handbook.
  - Report to Executive Sub-Committee for Property - 19 May 2014.
  - Call-In Form - 27 May 2014
  - Report to Overview and Scrutiny Board - 9 June 2014.
  - Report of Overview and Scrutiny Board to Executive Sub-Committee for Property - 16 June 2014.
  - Minutes of Executive Sub-Committee for Property meeting - 16 June 2014.

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