

Council

1 July 2016

Call-in: Consultation on the Proposal to close Warwickshire Employment Support Team (WEST)

Recommendation

That Council considers the call-in and decides either to take no action or to make recommendations to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care.

1.0 Background

On 3 June 2016, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care approved the commencement of a public consultation on the proposed closure of the Warwickshire Employment Support Team (WEST) service. A copy of the decision notice is attached at **Appendix A** and the report considered by the Portfolio Holder is attached at **Appendix B**.

2.0 Call-In to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 7 June 2016, a call-in notice signed by Councillors Matt Western, Philip Johnson, Bill Olnier and Peter Morson was submitted to the Chief Executive.

The notice gave the following reasons for call in:

‘Decommissioning this service will have major adverse effects on a group of vulnerable individuals and may lead to higher costs elsewhere. Overview and Scrutiny should be given the opportunity to examine all other alternatives and understand full implications.’

3.0 Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee consideration

The Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 21 June 2016 to consider the call-in. The key concerns raised by members at the meeting are set out in the enclosed minutes of that meeting at **Appendix C**. The Committee concluded that the issue be referred to Council for consideration.

4.0 Options open to Council

The options open to Council are to either take no action (in which case the decision of the Cabinet Portfolio Holder takes immediate effect) or refer the matter back to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder.

Background papers

None

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