

To: City Executive Board

Date: 15 October 2014

Report of: Scrutiny Committee

Title of Report: Oxford City Council's European Social Fund Project

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To present comments from the Scrutiny Committee on the Oxford City Council's European Social Fund Project.

Key decision? Yes

Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Simmons

Executive lead member: Councillor Brown

Policy Framework: None

Introduction

1. The Scrutiny Committee considered the European Social Fund report at their public meeting in October. The Committee would like to thank Councillor Brown and Paul Wilding for attending the meeting and supporting this discussion.

Summary

2. The Scrutiny Committee endorse the European Social Fund project and expect the City Executive Board to give formal project approval.
3. The Scrutiny Committee noted that this project provides the City Council with an excellent opportunity to engage with residents in the private rented sector; a customer base that we know very little about. The Committee hopes that the benefits of engaging with this group can be maximised, which may involve changing how the City Council engages with them, and that lessons are learnt and shared across the Council.

Further consideration

4. The Scrutiny Committee requested to see the full evaluation report at the end of this project in June 2015.

Director and Board Member Comments

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