Education Scrutiny Committee
Meeting to be held on 19 July 2016

| Electoral Division affected: |
| Burnley |

Burnley University Technical College

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Executive Summary

The Committee is presented with a brief updated on the status of the Burnley University Technical College (UTC).

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the position statement outlined in this report for Burnley University Technical College.

Background and Advice

Following the decision taken in May by the Department for Education to close the Burnley UTC in summer 2016, strenuous efforts have been made by Lancashire County Council, Burnley District Council, schools and local Further Education institutions to resolve the progression routes for the students in Year 10 and Year 12. All parties argued that there was a moral imperative to allow these students to complete the courses they had commenced upon and I am able to report that thanks to local efforts and cooperation across Burnley, solutions have been found and funding secured at a national level.

The Y12 students have transferred as a group to Thomas Whittam Sixth Form College to complete their studies. The Y10 students will now stay on site at the UTC to conclude their courses. The vocational input will be provided by Burnley College and the other curriculum input by Blessed Trinity Catholic High School with support from Unity High School and Shuttleworth High School. This is a very good, eventual, outcome from a situation that was not of the making of any of the above partners.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant risks associated with this item.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

Paper   Date   Contact/Directorate/Tel
NA

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate
N/A