

CABINET

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GREEN STREET ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE, 46 GREEN STREET & GARAGES AT DAWES STREET, GILLINGHAM

ADDENDUM REPORT

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Summary

This addendum report updates Members on how existing adult education services will be delivered in the future.

1. Green Street Adult Education Centre

- 1.1 The move from Green Street inevitably creates the need for the council to do things differently in that area, as there is no single location within which the full diversity of the Gillingham offer could be replicated.
- 1.2 Arrangements have been made to take up a range of rooms in another property in Gillingham Town Centre; this accommodation will house the provision that we believe is necessary in Gillingham - vocational training, literacy, numeracy and English as a Second Language classes, our employability programme and the delivery of Medway College of Social Care classes and other professional training such as management classes.
- 1.3 Daytime classes for adults with learning difficulties will be accommodated at the Sunlight Centre.
- 1.4 Evening classes for adults with learning difficulties are going into Rainham School for Girls. There is also a program at Rochester which learners will be able to attend if they wish.
- 1.5 It is proposed to make greater use of the Woodland's School community centre to offer a range of courses during the daytime.
- 1.6 Professional training for those working in the fitness industry will continue at Medway Park.

- 1.7 Evening classes that would have been at Green Street will now be located at one of the four evening centres that we currently use - Chatham Grammar School for Boys, Strood Academy, Hundred of Hoo School and (new from September) Rainham School for Girls.
- 1.8 Family Learning will continue (as now) to be delivered through a range of Children's Centres, primary and secondary schools.
- 1.9 All other classes will be located at the Rochester Centre.
- 1.10 Officers are in the process of finalising all our details to go into the annual course directory so some of the above may be subject to change before 22 May (deadline for printers).
- 1.11 Less than 50% (c46%) of Learners come from Gillingham, but if there is a demand for a course in Gillingham officers will make best endeavours to provide it.