

1) Reason why decision is being called in:

- 1) There would be a lack of scrutiny over Ensen. This would prevent most Councillors' from having a chance to reflect their views on a new arm's length service provider to Enfield's educational establishments. If the proposals go ahead this same lack of scrutiny could mean the failures and mismanagements of Ensen would go unchecked by democratically elected Councillor's.
- 2) The risks are too high. The possible risks and liabilities of the scheme have not been thoroughly explained and examined. Most risks appear to be mitigated by the hiring of advertisement consultants, this in itself is neither practical nor sensible. If the risks have not been thought through properly, the costs to the authority could be significant.
- 3) Why do we have to create another organisation at a long term significant cost when the education department in Enfield already does a satisfactory job ?
- 4) There is a very strong chance that with the proliferation of academies and free schools other providers in the market will emerge. They could undercut the councils offer and the scheme will cost money for the tax payers and not make a profit, wasting tax payer money. The tax payer will essentially be subsidising a scheme with no positives.
- 5) The report has some misleading statements about cuts to the education department.
- 6) The scheme seeks to outsource to other London Boroughs in order to make a profit. If the scheme is indeed successful, then what stops other authorities from a cessation of buying services from Ensen, creating their own trading arm, and then undercutting Ensen ?
- 7) It appears the creation of Ensen is in response to the government's intention to increase the number of schools outside LEA control. Even if the authority is opposed to this, it doesn't mean it should add further financial pressures to the council by creating a body that is likely to cost more than it yields.
- 8) Overall the scheme is ill thought through and should be seriously re-considered.

(2) Outline of proposed alternative action:

- 1) To keep current service provision within the existing remit of the education department.

(3) Do you believe the decision is outside the policy framework?

No

(4) If Yes, give reasons: n/a

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