

Appendix 3

Call-in Request Form	
This form must be completed and signed by THREE City of York Councillors and MUST be returned to Democratic Services within 5 working days of the decision being published (not including the day of publication).	
Decision taker:	Executive
Date of publication of decision:	10/10/24
Title of Decision Called in:	Community contracts to support early intervention and prevention in Adult Social Care (ASC)
Date Decision Called in:	17/10/24

	REASONS FOR CALL-IN	Tick which reason applies
1.	Decision contrary to the policy framework?	
2.	Decision contrary to or not wholly consistent with the budget?	x
3.	Decision is Key but it has not been dealt with in accordance with the Council's Constitution.	
4.	Decision does not follow principles of good decision-making set out in Article 7 of the Council's Constitution.	x
If reason 4, please tick which specific element of Article 7 the decision maker has not followed, did he or she not:		
a)	Meaningfully consider all alternatives and, where reasonably possible, consider the views of the public.	X
b)	Understand and keep to the legal requirements regulating their power to make decisions.	
c)	Take account of all relevant matters, both in general and specific, and ignore any irrelevant matters.	X
d)	Act wholly for proper purpose and/or in the interests of the public.	X
e)	Keep to the rules relating to local government finance.	
f)	Follow procedures correctly and be fair.	X
g)	Make sure they are properly authorised to make the decisions.	
h)	Take appropriate professional advice from Officers.	

<p>Detailed Reason(s) for Call-in.</p> <p><i>Please explain below why one of the reasons for call-in applies (e.g. for number 1- which major policy affected and how/why).</i></p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: <i>If you wish to produce and rely on significant supplementary, external evidence in support of your reasons for this call-in it must be provided to Democratic Services prior to the publication of the agenda. It will not be permissible to introduce and rely upon evident at the meeting without it being subject to prior circulation unless by consent of the Chair.</i></p>

2) ASC 05 saving agreed was “to remove duplication and to generate efficiencies in services” Agreements made are merely to end contracts that have reached the end of their commissioned period. No evidence of duplication or efficiency. For example, Independent Care Group funding unique service merely ended no duplicate provision and loss of service leads to further inefficiency in dealing with the care sector. **This element of the call-in is valid; whilst the paper was not intended to set out how the ASC 05 saving was being met overall, it could have included some explanation of how the proposal either removed duplication or generated efficiencies.**

4a(i) The paper has not set out all options and alternatives. Community Contracts total several million pounds and the saving agreed represents £275,000 this year. The only option presented is to either retender one version of a scaled back set of community contracts or not retender and lose all the services. There was no consideration of applying a 10% reduction in all contracts, cutting others more than the ones highlighted for cutting or not making the cut at all. These options should have been fully considered within the paper and presented to the Executive for discussion. Such decisions should have included an equality impact assessment of the effect of losing part of services or services in totality. **This element of the call-in is valid; whilst the suggested approach may be wholly impractical, that issue could have been explored in the report, even if it was to be discounted as a viable option.**

4a(ii) The report does not consider the views of the public making no reference to the significant issues raised around many services in particular the loss of Age UK Day Clubs including from our Member of Parliament. **This element of the call-in is invalid; comments in relation to an expired contract were not relevant to the proposed provisions outlined in the paper.**

4c) There was no reference in the paper to the totality of contracts within scope of the review. There is no mention in the paper of the carers contract which was included in the scope of the review. There was no reference to the York Mind contract, the Yorkshire Housing Limited contract or Community Links (Northern) Ltd contract in the paper the funding for which makes up the bulk of the saving. There was also no reference to the ASC 05 savings target which this paper is supposed to cover and the reason for the cuts to begin with. There is also no reference to the uplifts in the other contracts which some of the funding cut within the paper is being repurposed to fill those gaps in funding. There is also no reference to which ones of the community contracts will be extended beyond the March 2025 contract ends. Additionally, there is no mention within the paper what the breakdown of the costs of the short term contracted services (Advice, Information, shopping and befriending, and the Dementia Day Clubs) that have replaced the Age UK contract and whether or not the value of these are sufficiently covered by the funding approved. There is no analysis of what the existing provision is and subsequent comparison of the new service to allow an informed decision. Over £600k of contracts will end as a result of this decision and no analysis is made of the impact of the loss of these services and whether the mitigation within the new contracts is sufficient or correctly targeted. **This element of the call-in is valid; whilst the paper**

was not intended to set out how the ASC 05 saving was being met overall, it could have included some explanation of how the extant and proposed contracts would dovetail.

4d) The paper does not act in the interests of the public. The public is not served by cutting community contracts like Age UK's Day Clubs. **This element of the call-in is invalid; the paper considers service provision across the range of early intervention and prevention options; changed service provision means that the interests of the public are balanced and provided in an alternative way. Importantly, the public is not solely service users but also council tax payers who fund the service.**

4f) This paper is intended to deliver on the ASC 05 savings, the Executive should have made the decision on how they would deliver these savings as set out in a paper to Executive. Part of this saving was made when the Council made the decision to allow the Community Links (Northern) Ltd, Yorkshire Housing Limited and York Mind contracts to expire in January/March 2024. This is not the correct process for how the decision should have been made – they should all have come to the Executive so that the Executive could make a decision on all of the contracts in the whole, with detailed options appraisal and Equality Impact assessment for each service cut. **This element of the call-in is invalid; the mechanism of awarding contracts which are time-limited assumes that, unless a deliberate decision is taken to renew or reprocure those contracts, they will lapse at the end of the time limit. Once lapsed, those contracts cannot be considered as part of any future proposals. This element also fails to appreciate the separation of roles between the Executive and Officers; the former make the strategic decision as to what savings are to be delivered; the latter determine what steps are required in order to deliver those savings. It is not for Executive to determine the “how”, having determined the “what”.**

	Name (please print)	Signature (<i>please note that signatures will not be published with the agenda. Electronic signature will be accepted</i>)	Date
1.	Cllr Carol Runciman	CAROL RUNCIMAN	17/10/24
2.	Cllr Christian Vassie	CHRISTIAN VASSIE	17/10/24
3.	Cllr Andrew Hollyer	ANDREW HOLLYER	17/10/24

For office use only:

Received on behalf of the Monitoring Officer by: (signature)

Name: Jane Meller

Date: 17/10/24

Time: 15:34

Validation check (if necessary):

Monitoring Officer ~~/Chief Operating Officer~~

Valid: YES ~~/NO~~ in part

Reason: The call-in raises some issues which require further clarification and information.

Completed by: 

Date: 18 October 2024

Time: 11:00