

Annex 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:	22/03/24
Title of Decision Called in:	5. Local Bus Services Update
Date Decision Called in:	27/03/2024

REASONS FOR CALL-IN		Tick which reason applies
1.	Decision contrary to the policy framework?	x
2.	Decision contrary to or not wholly consistent with the budget?	
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.	
e)	Keep to the rules relating to local government finance.	
f)	Follow procedures correctly and be fair.	
g)	Make sure they are properly authorised to make the decisions.	
h)	Take appropriate professional advice from Officers.	

Detailed Reason(s) for Call-in.

Please explain below why one of the reasons for call-in applies (e.g. for number 1- which major policy affected and how/why).

PLEASE NOTE: *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.*

1- The stated policy objective of the Draft Local Transport strategy is to increase bus patronage by 50% – the consultation that has been produce for the Local Bus Service Update shows that this decision would result in a reduction in bus patronage. It only proposes modifications to the services and makes no attempt to deliver on patronage uplift required in the administration’s draft transport strategy

4a – The Executive rushed through the consultation over the Christmas period which reduced the amount of engagement with the public that the consultation had generated. The report shows that the cuts proposed will lead to a reduction in patronage and the views of residents and bus users have been ignored in the decision making process.

4c – The report makes no reference to the consultation on the reduction in patronage and there is no policy discussion on the effects of the reduction in bus patronage. The Bus Service Review was available in December but was not consulted on. The review contained a number of factual errors, and omissions in key details which are not a basis on which to make an informed decision. It judges accessibility just on the bus stop locations served and frequency of calls and not about where the buses go and the journeys people want to make at the times they need to make them, it does not mention or refer to the increased transport deprivation this change would cause. There is also no reference or consideration given to the 10 to 15 year plan that the council has to submit to government on their long term vision for buses in York.

	Name (please print)	Signature (<i>please note that signatures will not be published with the agenda. Electronic signature will be accepted</i>)	Date
1.	ED PEARSON	E Pearson	27/2/24
2.	CHRIS STEWARD	C Steward	27/2/24
3.	Andrew Hollyer	A Hollyer	27/2/24

For office use only:

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



Name: Lindsay Tomlinson

Date: 27 February 2024

Time: 15:57

Validation check (if necessary):

Monitoring Officer / ~~Chief Operating Officer~~

Valid: YES / ~~NO~~

Reason: The call-in form raises prima facie questions of compliance which could form the basis of an arguable case.

Completed by: (signature)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'R'.

Date: 28 February 2024

Time: 18:27