
**Corporate and Scrutiny Management
Committee (Calling – In)**

17 December 2012

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Called-in Item: City Centre Footstreets Review – Part Two

**Times of Operation, Davygate to Church Street Route, and the
Nessgate/Spurriergate Junction.**

Summary

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decisions made at the Decision Session for the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability on 19 November 2012 in relation to the times of operation of the Davygate to Church Street route and the Nessgate/Spurriergate junction. This cover report sets out the powers and role of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to dealing with the call-in.

Background

2. The Decision Sheet issued after the Decision Session is attached as Annex A to this report. This sets out the decisions taken by the Cabinet Member on the called-in item. The original report on the called-in item is attached as Annex B to this report.
3. The Cabinet Member's decision, specifically the second decision:
(ii) That Option 6b, to partially close off the route to all vehicles but allow access to St Sampson's Square via Church Street by green permit holders be agreed.

has been called in by Cllrs Ayre, Aspden and Jeffries for review by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for call-in. The reasons given for the call-in are on the following grounds:

“This proposal will see parking for disabled drivers cut by around a 1/3 and will effectively rule certain parts of the city out of reach for some residents. Given this, we would like to call-in the decision for the following reasons:

- The lack of evidence of consultation with affected groups (badge/permit holders). The report admits that "The responses to the questionnaire (Annex A) on this issue demonstrate strong support for reviewing access and parking (Q1). However, it does also need to be said that of those responding to the questionnaire very few are holders of either Blue badges or Green permits (Q4), hence the views expressed are predominately from those with no or little difficulty with their own mobility.*
- The lack of an EIA (Equality Impact Assessment) or CIA (Community Impact Assessment).*
- The misleading claim that there are no equalities implications to this decision.*
- The policy did not go through the EAG (Equality Advisory Group) or face similar levels of scrutiny.”*

Consultation

4. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the calling-in Members have been invited to attend and/or speak at the Call-In meeting, as appropriate.

Options

5. The following options are available to CSMC (Calling-In) Members in relation to dealing with this call-in, in accordance with the constitutional and legal requirements under the Local Government Act 2000:
 - a. To decide that there are no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Cabinet Member in respect of the report. If this option is chosen, the original decisions taken on the item by the Cabinet Member on 19 November 2012 will be confirmed and will take effect from the date of the CSMC (Calling-In) meeting; or
 - b. To make specific recommendations to the Cabinet Member on the report, in light of the reasons given for the call-in. If this

option is chosen, the matter will be reconsidered by the Cabinet at a meeting of Cabinet (Calling-In) on 18 December 2012.

Analysis

6. Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and the report to Cabinet and form a view on whether there is a basis to make specific recommendations to Cabinet in respect of the report.

Council Plan

7. There are no direct implications for this call-in in relation to the delivery of the Council Plan and its priorities for 2011-15.

Implications

8. There are no known Financial, HR, Legal, Property, Equalities, or Crime and Disorder implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members; namely, to determine and handle the call-in.

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management implications associated with the call in of this matter.

Recommendations:

10. Members are asked to consider the call-in and reasons for it and decide whether they wish to confirm the decisions made by the Cabinet Member for Transport Planning and Sustainability or refer the matter back for reconsideration and make specific recommendations on the report to the Cabinet Member.

Reason: To enable the called-in matter to be dealt with efficiently and in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

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**Report
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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected: Guildhall

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

Annex A – Extract from the Decision Sheet from the Cabinet Member Decision Session on the called-item.

Annex B – Report to the Cabinet Member Decision Session for Transport Planning and Sustainability on 19 November 2012.

Background Papers

None