

**Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny
Management Committee (Calling-In)**

21 August 2018

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal and Governance

Called-in Item Post-Decision: **Housing Delivery Programme**

Summary

1. This report sets out the reasons for the post decision call-in of the decisions made by the Executive on 12 July 2018 in respect of the Housing Delivery Programme, which are set out in Annex 1. This cover report sets out the powers and role of the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling-In) in relation to dealing with the call-in.

Background

2. An extract from the Decision Sheet issued after the Executive meeting is attached as Annex 1 to this report. This sets out the decisions taken by the Executive on the called-in item. The original report to the Executive on 12 July 2018 is attached to this report as Annex 2.
3. The Executive's decisions have been called in post decision by Councillors Wells, K Taylor and Pavlovic for review by the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for call-in, on the grounds that the matter requires cross-party consideration for the following reasons:
 - overall, the decision to abandon the housing development company proposal approved by Executive in December 2017 represents a shift away from a significant long term plan to address York's housing crisis to an unambitious short term plan that looks no further than the next council administration;

- the Executive report provides no detailed explanation for why the December 2017 decision to establish a housing development company (devco) has been scrapped;
- combined with Local Plan provision for 'affordable' homes the administration's plans come nowhere near meeting the city's assessed need of 573 genuinely affordable new homes annually, pushing housing costs even higher and exacerbating York's housing crisis;
- scrapping the devco proposal removes the council's ability to operate within the private rented sector, meaning unsafe properties, particularly within the HMO sector, will continue to exist and more likely than not, increase in number.

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 post decision 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 Executive in respect of the report. If this option is chosen, the original decision taken on the item by the Executive on 12 July 2018 will be confirmed and will take effect from the date of the CSMC (Calling-In) meeting; or
 - b) To make specific recommendations to the Executive on the report, in light of the reasons given for the post decision call-in. If this option is chosen, the matter will be reconsidered by the Executive at a meeting of Executive (Calling-In) to be held on 30 August 2018.

Analysis

6. Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and the report to the Executive and form a view on whether there is a basis to make specific recommendations to the Executive 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 2015-19.

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 all the reasons for calling-in this decision and decide whether they wish to confirm the decisions made by the Executive or refer the matter back for reconsideration and make specific recommendations on the report to the Executive.

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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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected: All

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Annexes

Annex 1 – Extract from the Decision Sheet produced following the Executive meeting on the called-in item.

Annex 2 – Report of the Corporate Director of Health Housing and Adult Social Care & the Corporate Director of Economy & Place