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

**30 January 2012**

**Report of the Assistant Director, Legal, Governance and ICT**

**Called-in Item: Revision to the Council’s Administrative  
Accommodation Strategy**

**Summary**

1. This report sets out the reasons for the pre-decision call-in of the above item, which appeared as item 7 on the agenda for the Cabinet meeting held on 10 January 2012. The report sought members’ approval to revise the current approved administrative accommodation strategy in the light of ongoing work for space planning in relation to the move to the new Council headquarters at West Offices. This cover report sets out the powers and role of the Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to dealing with the call-in.

**Background**

2. An extract from the decision list published after the Cabinet meeting is attached at Annex A to this report. This sets out the provisional decisions taken by Cabinet on the called-in item. The original report to the Cabinet on the called-in item is attached as Annex B to this report.
3. Cllrs Galvin, Steward and Barton have called the matter in for review by the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) (Calling-In) in accordance with the constitutional requirements for pre-decision call-in. The reasons given for the call-in are that:

1. *Not enough options are to be considered*

2. *The issue of the future use of the Guildhall was registered as a Scrutiny topic last year and has yet to report or even consider the item*
3. *Because of it's important historical part in the governance of the City all members should be consulted and any decision must be taken by full Council*
4. *The report is very one sided with no consideration of member's wishes*

## **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 SMC (Calling-In) 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 in respect of the report. If this option is chosen, the provisional decisions taken on the item by Cabinet at their meeting held on 10 January 2012 will be confirmed and will take effect from the date of the SMC (Calling-In) meeting.
  - (b) To make specific recommendations to the Cabinet on the report. If this option is chosen, the matter will be re-considered by the Cabinet at a meeting of Cabinet (Calling-In) to be held on 14 February 2012.

## **Analysis**

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

## Council Plan

7. This report will contribute to a number of the Council's priorities, particularly regarding jobs and growth and the protection of the environment. It will also contribute to developing the Council as a confident, collaborative organisation, focused on its priorities.

## 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 or not they wish to make specific recommendations on the report to the Cabinet.

**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  
Approved**



**Date** 19/01/12

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:** Guildhall

All

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Annexes**

Annex A – Provisional decisions of the Cabinet on 10 January 2012  
(extract from the decision list)

Annex B – Report to Cabinet meeting on 10 January 2012

**Background Papers**

Provisional decisions of the Cabinet on the called in item (published on the Council's website after the meeting on 11 January 2012)