

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

14 July 2014

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Called-in Item: Improving York’s City Centre – Reinvigorate York Public Realm Improvement Projects: Exhibition Square/Theatre Interchange project.

Summary

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decisions made by Cabinet at their meeting on 1 July 2014 relating to the implementation of the Theatre Interchange project, as the first phase of a rolling programme of linked public realm improvement works at Exhibition Square. 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. An extract from the Decision Sheet issued after the Cabinet meeting is attached as Annex A to this report. This sets out the decisions taken by Cabinet on the called-in item. The original report to the Cabinet meeting on the called-in item is attached as Annex B to this report.
3. The Cabinet decisions have been called in by Councillors Watson, Warters and Wiseman for review by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for call-in. The following are the reasons given for the call-in:
 - “The proposed funding is a waste of money on a scheme that is not compliant with the aims of Reinvigorating York.
 - Concerns regarding the bus facilities included in the scheme.”

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 Cabinet in respect of the report. If this option is chosen, the original decision taken on the item by Cabinet at their meeting on 1 July 2014 will be confirmed and will take effect from the date of the CSMC (Calling-In) meeting; or
 - b. To make specific recommendations to Cabinet on the report, in light of the reasons given for the call-in. If this option is chosen, the matter will be reconsidered by Cabinet at a meeting of Cabinet (Calling-In) to be held on 22 July 2014.

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:

- Members are asked to consider all the reasons for calling in this decision and decide whether they wish to confirm the decisions made by Cabinet or refer the matter back for reconsideration and make specific recommendations on the report to 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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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 produced following the Cabinet meeting on the called-in item.

Annex B – Improving York's City Centre – Reinvigorate York Public Realm Improvement Projects: Exhibition Square/Theatre Interchange project, Report of Cabinet Member for Transport, 1 July 2014.

Background Papers

None