

**Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny  
Management Committee (Calling In)**

**6 December 2021**

Report of the Director of Governance

Called-in Item: **Strategic Reviews of City Centre Access and Council Car Parking**

**Summary**

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of two of the decisions made by the Executive on 18 November 2021 in respect of the above item. The report also sets out the powers and role of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling-In) in dealing with the call-in.

**Background**

2. An extract from the Decision Sheet published after the Executive meeting on 18 November 2021 is attached as Annex A to this report. This sets out all the decisions taken on the called-in item, with the decisions that have been called in highlighted in bold. The original report to the Executive, together with the annexes relevant to the called-in decisions, is attached at Annex B.
3. Resolutions (iii) and (iv) on the Decision Sheet have been called in for review by the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling-In) by Cllrs Melly, Kilbane and Looker, in accordance with the Constitutional requirements, for the following reasons:-
  - *the review failed to provide accurate data on parking use across council managed car parks over a reasonable period of time post lockdown, making strategic decisions on car park investment in the future premature;*
  - *a decision on whether or not to develop a new multi-storey car park at St George's Field was delayed to establish how people are using car parks following Covid lockdowns, yet this data was inadequate in the review report;*

- *the Executive's approach is solely asset-based, coming as it does long before the fourth Local Transport Plan has been drawn up and agreed, meaning strategic decision making on transport is completely absent;*
- *the review fails to factor in private car parking in reviewing York's parking activity and needs, other than to suggest any reduction in council car parks could result in private operators filling a supposed gap, without any supporting evidence.*

## **Consultation**

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

## **Options**

5. The following options are available to the CCSMC (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 Executive in respect of the decisions called in. If this option is chosen, the original decisions taken on the item at the Executive meeting on 18 November 2021 will be confirmed and will take effect from the date of the CCSMC (Calling-in) meeting; or
  - b) To make specific recommendations to the Executive on the decisions called in, in light of the reason given for post-decision call-in. If this option is chosen, the matter will be considered at a meeting of Executive (Calling-In).

## **Analysis**

6. Members need to consider the reasons for the call-in and the original 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 decisions called in.

## **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 2019-23.

## 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 reason for calling in these decisions and decide whether they wish to confirm the affected decisions or to refer it back for reconsideration and make specific recommendations to the Executive on the decisions called in.

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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Wards Affected:

All

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## **Annexes**

**Annex A** – Extract from the Decision Sheet produced following the Executive meeting on 18 November 2021, setting out the decisions made on the called-in item.

**Annex B** – Report of the Corporate Director of Place to the Executive Meeting on 18 November 2021.