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

19 November 2012

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Called-in Item: Community Stadium Update

Summary

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decisions made at Cabinet on 6 November 2012 in relation to the Community Stadium project. The report to the meeting provided an update on this project, including the procurement timetable and risk register, the Business Plan, new Project Management/ Governance arrangements together with new interim arrangements for the current Waterworld contract.

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 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 on the called-in item is attached as Annex B to this report.
3. The Cabinet's decision has been called in by Cllrs Gillies, Warters and Taylor 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:

(1) The key amendments to the business case approved by Cabinet are not specifically itemised, including the total capital costs, so that the revisions agreed to are not particularly obvious and transparent;

(2) There needs to be a greater appreciation of when the risk identified in the report is deemed to be an unacceptable risk. For example, on the one hand the capital overspend is given a medium rating,

whereas the risk associated with the S106 contribution from the retail development is rated high;

(3) The potential impact of the new interim contractual arrangements for the Leisure Complex upon the future financial stability and sustainability of the project does not appear to have been addressed.

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 decisions taken on the item by the Cabinet on 6 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 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 20 November 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 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:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

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

Annex B – Report to the Cabinet on 6 November 2012.

Background Papers

None