

**Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy &
Scrutiny Committee (Pre-Decision Calling – In)**

31 January 2017

Report of the Assistant Director, Legal and Governance

Called-in Item Pre-Decision: Yearsley Pool Review

Summary

1. The report sets out brief background to the issue called-in and the role of and options available to this Committee, under the agreed pre-decision call-in arrangements.

Background

2. At its meeting in August 2015, the Executive agreed some operational guidelines for enabling and supporting a pre-decision call-in process. This supplements the pre-existing arrangements for post-decision call in and is intended to provide all backbench and scrutiny Members with opportunities to comment upon relevant upcoming Executive or Executive Member decisions.
3. In accordance with the arrangements for pre-decision scrutiny call-in, three Members (Councillors Boyce, Looker and D Myers) have called in the intended decision in relation to the Yearsley Pool Review, for the following reasons:
 - In advance of an Executive decision, to provide opportunities for closer scrutiny of, and seek assurances on, the financial model for the long term operation of Yearsley pool that to date have not been provided;
 - To understand how the Yearsley Pool Scrutiny Review, that was abruptly ended mid-review, has contributed to the review and recommendations due to be presented to the Executive;
 - Furthermore, to learn how the proposals put forward to the Executive will secure the futures of both Yearsley pool and the planned new swimming pool at Monks Cross.

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, together with the appropriate Executive member and officers.

Options

5. In relation to dealing with this pre decision call-in, in accordance with the new agreed arrangements Members may choose to provide feedback to officers to be presented at a meeting of the Executive on 16 March 2017.

Analysis

6. Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and any comments made at the meeting by speakers, as well as have regard to the information in the officer's report on this matter, which is attached to this report at Annex 1.

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 consider and handle the pre decision call-in. However, if it became clear to the Committee from information received that there were implications associated with any comments/recommendations it wished to make then it would be appropriate for the Committee to also recommend that any such implications be looked into, prior to the Executive making a decision which might be affected by those implications.

Risk Management

9. There are no direct risk management implications associated with considering the call in of this matter. However, the Committee would be advised to invite the Executive to take account of any risks associated with any comments/recommendations which the Committee may wish to make on the matter in hand, prior to implementing any decision.

Recommendations:

10. Having considered the reasons for call-in, Members are asked to consider whether:
- i. They wish to make specific recommendations or comments to the Executive on the report, in light of the reasons given for the pre-decision call-in. If this option is chosen, their comments will be considered by the Executive at a meeting to be held on 16 March 2017.

Or;

- ii. They agree that there are no grounds to make specific recommendations or comments to the Executive in respect of the report.

Reason: To provide scrutiny's views on the report ahead of it being presented to the Executive.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



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