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

13 August 2020

Report of the Director of Governance

Called-in Item: York Central Update

Summary

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decision made by the Executive on 23 July 2020 in respect of the York Central Update. 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 issued after the Executive meeting on 23 July is attached as Annex A to this report. This sets out the decisions taken on the called-in item. The original report to the Executive is attached as Annex B.
3. The decision has been called in for review by the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling-In) by Cllrs Myers, K Taylor and Wells, in accordance with the Constitutional requirements, for the following reasons:-
 - i. *The decision to commit a further £1.96m of council taxpayers' money without any Covid economic impact review and updated risk assessment of the York Central scheme is premature;*
 - ii. *The grant terms of the Government's £77.1m infrastructure funding should be agreed by the Executive in public rather than in private, given the magnitude of the grant and its potential to change plans for what goes on the York Central development;*
 - iii. *The council's business as usual approach to York Central also ignores the fact that infrastructure requirements for a Government*

department/House of Lords relocations may differ significantly to existing plans.

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 report. If this option is chosen, the original decisions taken on the item at the Executive meeting on 23 July 2020 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 report, in light of the reasons given for post-decision call-in. If this option is chosen, the matter will be considered at a meeting of Executive (Calling-In) to be held on 27 August 2020.

Analysis

6. Members need to consider the reasons for 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 item 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 2020/21.

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 all the reasons for calling in this decision and decide whether they wish to confirm the decision or to refer the matter back for reconsideration and make specific recommendations on the report to the Executive.

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, setting out the decisions made on the called-in item.

Annex B – Report of the Director of Economy & Place to the Executive Meeting on 23 July 2020 – York Central Update