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

13 July 2009

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

**Called-in Item: Effective Organisation Programme –
Efficiency Review**

Summary

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decisions made by the Executive on 7 July 2009 in relation to a report setting out the findings of a review undertaken by the Council's efficiency partners, Northgate Kendrick Ash, together with proposals for a programme of work to ensure the delivery of efficient and effective Council services. The report also explains the powers and role of the Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to dealing with the call-in.

Background

2. An extract from the decision list published after the Executive meeting is attached as Annex A to this report. This sets out the decisions taken by the Executive on the relevant item. The original report to the Executive is attached as Annex B.
3. Following publication of the Executive's decision, Councillors Scott, Gunnell and Simpson-Laing called in the decisions for review by the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for post-decision call-in. The reasons given for the call-in are as follows:-

“The Executive has agreed to the recommendations in paragraphs 58 and 59 against the advice of the Shadow Executive.”

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 SMC (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 confirm the decisions of the Executive, on the grounds that the SMC (Calling-In) does not believe there is any basis for reconsideration. If this option is chosen, the decision takes effect from the date of the SMC (Calling-In) meeting;
 - (a) to refer the decision back to the Executive, for them to reconsider or amend in part their decision. If this option is chosen, the matter will be re-considered at a meeting of the Executive (Calling-In) to be held on 14 July 2009.

Analysis

6. Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and the basis of the decisions made by the Executive and form a view on whether there is a basis for reconsideration of that decision.

Corporate Priorities

7. An indication of the Corporate Priorities to which the Executive's decisions are expected to contribute is provided in paragraphs 2 to 4 of Annex B to this report.

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 the Executive or refer the matter back to the Executive for re-consideration at the scheduled Executive Calling-In meeting.

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

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Annexes

Annex A – decisions of the Executive (extract from decision list published 7/7/09)

Annex B – report to Executive meeting held on 7/7/09