

Annex 2 - Call-in Request Form

This form must be completed and signed by THREE City of York Councillors and MUST be returned to Democratic Services within 5 working days of the decision being published (*not including the day of publication*).

Decision taker:	Executive
Date of publication of decision:	15 September 2023
Title of Decision Called in:	Finance and Performance Monitor 21: X. Confirmed that the officer decision around ward funding allocations is implemented as planned (see paragraphs 30 to 31 of the report)
Date Decision Called in:	18 September 2023

	REASONS FOR CALL-IN	Tick which reason applies
1.	Decision contrary to the policy framework?	
2.	Decision contrary to or not wholly consistent with the budget?	
3.	Decision is Key but it has not been dealt with in accordance with the Council's Constitution.	
4.	Decision does not follow principles of good decision-making set out in Article 7 of the Council's Constitution.	X
If reason 4, please tick which specific element of Article 7 the decision maker has not followed, did he or she not:		
(a)	Meaningfully consider all alternatives and, where reasonably possible, consider the views of the public.	
(b)	Understand and keep to the legal requirements regulating their power to make decisions.	
(c)	Take account of all relevant matters, both in general and specific, and ignore any irrelevant matters.	X
(d)	Act wholly for proper purpose and/or in the	

	interests of the public.	
(e)	Keep to the rules relating to local government finance.	
(f)	Follow procedures correctly and be fair.	
(g)	Make sure they are properly authorised to make the decisions.	
(i)	Take appropriate professional advice from Officers.	

Detailed Reason(s) for Call-in.

The reasons in 4 above differs from those in the constitution, but we have chosen to tick the one which most closely matches those in the constitution.

We believe the decision breaches Principles of Decision Making c) clarity of aims and desired outcomes, and j) consideration of relevant implications.

The stated outcome is to target funding at more deprived wards, however an error in the funding fomula means this does not happen. The Executive Report states that (at 31) *"The decision reflects that a standard amount of the funding is still applied on a per councillor basis, but a proportion is allocated using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, including a weighting which reflected the population of each ward."*

However this is not the case, as each calculation of the average score for each ward includes both a multiplication and a division by population - meaning the population element is ultimately removed.

The population weighting only applies to the weighting of the individual LSOA scores within the ward - so the ward's score is weighted by population of the relevant LSOAs, but this is not then itself weighted when comparing the ward score to other wards and allocating the funding.

The equation for each ward's allocation (e.g. With just two LSOAs) is:

$$\text{Ward IMD Score} = \frac{(\text{LSOA 1 Pop} \times \text{LSOA 1 IMD}) + (\text{LSOA 2 Pop} \times \text{LSOA 2 IMD})}{\text{LSOA 1 Pop} + \text{LSOA 2 Pop}}$$

The allocation of funding is then made using this equation:

$$\text{Ward Funding} = \frac{\text{Ward IMD Score}}{\text{Total of Ward IMD Scores}} \times \text{Total Funding (£145,000)}$$

This error means that larger wards are disadvantaged as their population is not taken into account compared to smaller wards.

This means that there is little correlation between funding per resident and the ward's level of deprivation - negating the whole point of the changes.

	Name (please print)	Signature (<i>please note that signatures will not be published with the agenda. Electronic signature will be accepted</i>)	Date
1.	Andrew Hollyer	Andrew Hollyer	18/09/23
2.	Anne Hook	Anne Hook	18/09/23
3.	Darryl Smalley	Darryl Smalley	18/09/23

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