
**Meeting of Executive Member for
Neighbourhood Services and
Advisory Panel**

11 April 2008

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

**Reference back from Scrutiny Management
Committee (Calling-in): Ward Committee Local
Improvement Schemes Grant Applications**

Summary

1. This report sets out the decision of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) (Calling-in) in respect of a called-in decision made by the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services on Ward Committee Local Improvement Schemes Grant Applications. The Executive Member, in conjunction with the Advisory Panel, is asked to re-consider the original decision in the light of the results of the calling-in.

Background

2. The original decision of the Executive Member was taken at the Executive Member and Advisory Panel (EMAP) meeting held on 19 March 2008. On being called in, the decision was considered at a meeting on 31 March 2008 by the SMC (Calling-in), which decided:

“That Option B be approved and the decision referred back to the Executive Member, with a recommendation that a final decision on the proposed changes to the Ward Committee local improvement schemes grant application process be deferred until such time as the forms and guidance notes had been sufficiently revised to enable Members to give them proper consideration.”

Draft minutes of the SMC (Calling-in) meeting, setting out the above decision, are attached as Annex A to this report. The original decision of the Executive Member, as it appears on the published decision list, is attached as Annex B and the Officer report on which that decision was based is attached as Annex C.

Consultation

4. Consultation arrangements in respect of the proposals to alter the grant application process are set out in paragraph 8 of Annex C to this report.

Options

5. The following options are available to the Executive Member:
 - (a) to confirm the original decision made at the meeting on 19 March 2008;
 - (b) to accept the recommendations of the SMC (Calling-in), as set out in paragraph 2 above.

Analysis

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

Corporate Priorities

7. Details of the way in which Ward Committee local improvement schemes support the Council's Corporate Strategy and contribute to the Corporate Priorities are set out in paragraph 11 of Annex C to this report.

Implications

8. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to re-consider the original decision of the Executive Member in the light of the recommendations of the SMC (Calling-in):
 - **Financial**
 - **Human Resources (HR)**
 - **Equalities**
 - **Legal**
 - **Crime and Disorder**
 - **Property**
 - **Other**

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management implications associated with the re-consideration of this matter.

Recommendations

10. The Executive Member is asked to consider the recommendations of the SMC (Calling-in) and decide whether to confirm the original decision or accept the recommendations and amend the decision accordingly.

Reason:

In accordance with the legal and Constitutional requirements for dealing with called-in decisions.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes

Annex A – draft minutes of the meeting of the SMC (Calling-in) – 31 March 2008

Annex B – decision of the Executive Member – 19 March 2008

Annex C – report to Executive Member and Advisory Panel – 19 March 2008