

SCRUTINY CALL-IN REQUEST FORM

SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES (14-15)

(Must be completed by at least 2 Members)

All parts of this form must be completed.

1. DECISION

Title...Public Conveniences Service Review.....

Minute No...9.....

Date Taken...24th June 2021

Decision Maker...Executive.....

1. REASON FOR CALL – IN

Please identify the ground(s) and reason(s) on which you believe the decision should be Called In.

The list below may assist you to identify the areas where you believe there are defects in the decision making process.

- **That having regard to the nature of the decision and the circumstances in which it was made, the decision has been taken on the basis of inappropriate or insufficient consultation**
- **That the decision maker has failed to give adequate reasons for the decision**
- **That the decision maker has failed to take relevant considerations, or has taken irrelevant considerations into account, or has come to a decision which no reasonable decision maker, taking everything properly into account, could have come to**
- **That the decision is contrary to policy framework**
- **That the decision is contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget**
- **That the decision cannot be justified and is open to challenge on the basis of the evidence considered.**
- **That a viable alternative was not considered.**

The Ground(s) for Call-In is:

1. That having regard to the nature of the decision and the circumstances in which it was made, the decision has been taken on the basis of inappropriate or insufficient consultation

2. That the decision maker has failed to give adequate reasons for the decision

3. That the decision maker has failed to take relevant considerations, or has taken irrelevant considerations into account, or has come to a decision which no reasonable decision maker, taking everything properly into account, could have come to

4. That the decision cannot be justified and is open to challenge on the basis of the evidence considered.

5. That a viable alternative was not considered.

The reason supporting the ground(s) is:

1. A full breakdown of the consultation responses have not been provided within the official decision making documentation. Additionally, the consultation was only carried out before the final proposals were made public, thus we believe there has been insufficient consultation with regard to the final proposals as agreed by the executive.

2. Whilst the need to make financial savings is clear there is no publicly available narrative of why the savings for Public Conveniences were set at the amount of £82k for this area. Ultimately, where savings are made, and by how much, are a political decision, which executive members have not made clear.

3. Due to the lack of information as indicated within grounds 1 & 2 we cannot be sure that all relevant considerations were made. It is also clear from what has been said that the public and especially businesses do not support this service reduction, best showcased by the recent petition which the council has received.

4. Due to the lack of information as indicated within grounds 1 & 2 we cannot be sure that all relevant considerations were made to form a justified decision.

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SUGGESTING AN OUTCOME What recommendation to the Executive do you want to make?

- The Executive confirm what decisions they have made to conclude why this decision was made, over possible savings from other areas within this directorate
- The Executive to open the final recommendations to a full public consultation, including local businesses to fully understand the views on their proposals
- The Executive to carry out a full equality and diversity impact assessment and understand fully the impact on elderly and vulnerable individuals

CALL-IN SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS (this should be at least 2 members)

Councillor Thomas Dyer
Leader of the Opposition

Signature...*TDyer*.....

Councillor Christopher Reid
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Signature.....*CReid*.....

Councillor Mark Storer
Minster Ward Councillor

Signature.....*MStorer*.....

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