

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CALL-IN PROCEDURE

### Recommendations

- i. Having considered the called-in decision the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the following options:
  - (a) Take no further action, meaning the original decision can be implemented;
  - (b) Refer the decision back to the decision-making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns; or
  - (c) Refer the matter to full Council for consideration.
- ii. Once the Committee has considered the called-in decision and makes one of the recommendations listed at (a), (b) or (c) above, the call-in process is completed. A decision cannot be called in more than once.
- iii. If a decision is referred back to the decision-making person or body; the implementation of that decision shall be suspended until such time as the decision-making person or body reconsiders and either amends or confirms the decision, but the outcome on the decision should be reached within 14 working days of the reference back. The Committee will subsequently be informed of the outcome of any such decision

The following procedure is to be followed for consideration of the “Call-in”:

- i. The Chair explains the purpose of the meeting and the decisions which the Committee is able to take.
- ii. The Call-in lead presents their case, outlining the reasons for call in.
- iii. The Cabinet Member/ Decision maker and officers respond to the points made.
- iv. General debate during which Committee members may ask questions of both parties with a view to helping them make up their mind.
- v. The Call in Lead sums up their case.
- vi. The Chair identifies the key issues arising out of the debate and calls for a vote after which the call in is concluded. If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Chair will have a second or casting vote.
- vii. It is open to the Committee to either:
  - a. take no further action and therefore confirm the original decision
  - b. to refer the decision back to the decision-making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns; or
  - c. to refer the matter to full Council for a wider debate (NB: full Council may decide either to take no further action or to refer the matter back to Cabinet with specific recommendations for them to consider prior to decision taking).