

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- Carlisle City Council

Date of Meeting:- 6 March 2012

Agenda Item No:-

Public

**Title:- OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES
CALL-IN AND URGENCY**

Report of:- DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE

Report reference:- GD.16/12

Summary:-

Rule 15 (i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules deals with the procedure in respect of occasions where decisions taken by the Executive are urgent and where the call-in procedure should not apply. In such instances the Mayor must agree that the decision proposed is reasonable in the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency.

The record of the decision and the Decision Notice needs to state that the decision is urgent and not subject to call-in. Decisions, which have been taken under the urgency provisions, must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council together with reasons for urgency.

At the meeting of the Executive on 13 February 2012, the Executive considered a report concerning the Housing Strategy 2012-16 which was referred to Council for approval. The matter is to be considered by the Council at its meeting on 6 March 2012. If a call-in was received, the call-in procedure would overlap the City Council meeting; and it was considered that any delay caused by a call-in would prejudice the Council's interests by delaying approval of the Housing Strategy 2012-16.

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

All Members will have received copies of the report and minutes with the Summons for the Council meeting and will have the opportunity to consider the item at the Council meeting on 6 March 2012.

The Mayor has agreed that the above decision is urgent and, for the reasons set out above, that the call-in process should not be applied to the decision.

The Executive also considered reports concerning a Sustainable Energy Project at the Sands Centre, Carlisle and the Revenue Budget Overview and Monitoring Report: April to December 2011. Those items have not been referred to Council and an exemption from call-in is therefore no longer required.

In addition, at a special meeting held on 17 February 2012 the Executive gave consideration to proposed amendments to the 2012/13 Budget agreed by the City Council on 7 February 2012. Any delay caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council's interests in agreeing a Budget for 2012/13 at their special meeting on 23 February 2012.

The Mayor has agreed that the decision is urgent and that the call-in process should not be applied to the decision.

Recommendation:-

That the position be noted.

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Impact assessments

Does the change have an impact on the following?

Equality Impact Screening	Impact Yes/No?	Is the impact positive or negative?
Does the policy/service impact on the following?		
Age	No	N/A
Disability	No	N/A
Race	No	N/A
Gender/ Transgender	No	N/A
Sexual Orientation	No	N/A
Religion or belief	No	N/A
Human Rights	No	N/A
Health inequalities	No	N/A
Rurality	No	N/A

If you consider there is either no impact or no negative impact, please give reasons:

Any impact would be dealt with within the body of the reports referred to

If an equality Impact is necessary, please contact the P&P team.