

Meeting Date: 8 January 2013

Portfolio: Not applicable

Key Decision: Not applicable

Within Policy and Budget Framework: Not applicable

Public/Private*: Public

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

Report Number: GD.01/13

Report of: Director of Governance

PURPOSE/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 17 December 2012 the Executive considered the following reports which were referred to Council.

These items are all to be considered by the Council at its meeting on 8 January 2013. If a call-in were to be received on any of the items, the call-in procedure would overlap the City Council meeting.

All Members will have received copies of the reports and minutes with the Summons for the Council meeting and will have the opportunity to consider the items at the Council meeting on 8 January 2013.

(i) **Provisional Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18**

It was considered that any delay caused by a call-in would prejudice the Council's interests in delaying approval of the Budget virements from underspends from Kingstown Industrial Estate and Families Accommodation Replacement to fund the additional expenditure at the Resource Centre.

(ii) **Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Business Plan 2013/14 – 2015/16**

Copies of the above report were submitted to and considered by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 22 November 2012. It was felt that any delay caused by a call-in would prejudice the Council's interests by delaying approval of the Business Plan.

(iii) **Tenancy Strategy**

Copies of the above report were submitted to and considered by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 11 October 2012. It was felt that any delay caused by a call-in would prejudice the Council's interests by delaying approval of the Tenancy Strategy.

(iv) **Proposals for Implementation of Council Tax Technical Reforms to Discounts and Exemption**

The matter was considered by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 22 November 2012. It was considered that any delay caused by a call-in would prejudice the Council's interests in delaying approval of the proposals.

(v) **Review of Polling Arrangements**

It was considered that any delay caused by a call-in would prejudice the Council's interests in delaying approval of the proposed polling arrangements.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the position be noted.

TRACKING:

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**Appendices attached
to report:** None

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

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's - None

Community Engagement – None

Economic Development – None

Governance – None

Local Environment – None

Resources - None