

Report to Council	Agenda Item: 19
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Meeting Date: 7 January 2014
 Portfolio: Cross Cutting
 Key Decision: Not Applicable
 Within Policy and Budget Framework: Not Applicable
 Public / Private: Public

Title: OPERATION OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CALL-IN AND URGENCY
 Report of: Director of Governance
 Report Number: GD.02/14

Purpose / Summary:

To report on the operation of call-in and urgency since the previous report to Council on 10 September 2013.

Recommendations:

That the position be noted.

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Overview and Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	7 January 2014

1. BACKGROUND

This report has been prepared in accordance with Rule 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules which 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 Chairman of the Council (i.e. 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 need 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 the reasons for urgency.

2. OPERATION OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CALL IN AND URGENCY

The Executive, at their meeting on 16 December 2013, considered the following reports which were referred to Council. These items are all to be considered by the Council on 7 January 2014. 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 7 January 2014.

(i) **Review of Reserves and Balances**

The above report was submitted to and considered by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 28 November 2013.

(ii) **Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Business Plan 2014 – 2017**

The above report was submitted to and considered by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 19 November 2013.

(iii) **Asset Review Business Plan – Refresh of Disposal Programme**

The above report was submitted to and considered by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 28 November 2013.

(iv) **Review of Polling Arrangements**

It was considered that any delay caused by a call-in on any of the items detailed above would prejudice the Council's interests in delaying approval of the matters. The Mayor has therefore agreed that the above decisions are urgent and, for the reasons set out above, that the call-in process should not be applied to the decisions.

The Mayor has further agreed that the following decision taken by the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder on 4 November 2013 was urgent and that the call-in process should not be applied to the decision for the reason stated:

PF.010/13 – Christmas Parking Concession – the Portfolio Holder wished to announce the decision at the meeting of the City Council on 5 November 2013; and the call-in procedures would have overlapped that meeting.

4. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That the position be noted.

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**Appendices None
attached to report:**

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

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's – N/A

Community Engagement – N/A

Economic Development – N/A

Governance – Report is by the Director of Governance and legal comments are included.

Local Environment – N/A

Resources - N/A