

Report to Council

Agenda
Item:

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Meeting Date: 4 February 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.09/14

Purpose / Summary:

To report on the operation of call-in and urgency since the previous report to Council on 7 January 2014.

Recommendations:

That the position be noted.

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Overview and Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	4 February 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 15 January 2014, considered a number of reports and minutes relating to the Council's 2014/15 Budget as follows:

BUDGET 2014/15

- (a) Revenue Estimates – Summary of Overall Budgetary Position 2014/15 to 2018/19
- (b) Provision of Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2018/19
- (c) Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy 2014/15
- (d) Executive Response to the Budget Consultation and Recommendations for the 2014/15 Budget

These items are all to be considered by the Council at its Special Meeting on 4 February 2014. If a call-in were to be received on any of these items, the call-in procedure would overlap the City Council meeting.

The Executive's draft Budget recommendations have been considered by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel. All Members will have received copies of the above Minutes and reports with the Summons for the Special Council Meeting and will have the opportunity to debate the Executive's Budget recommendations at the Council meeting on 4 February 2014. It was considered that any delay caused by a call-in on any of these items would seriously prejudice the Council's interest in progressing the budget.

For the above reason, the Mayor has agreed that the above decisions were urgent and the call-in process should not be applied.

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 – None

Community Engagement – None

Economic Development – None

Governance – Compliance with Procedure Rule 15(i) is important in terms of the Council's governance arrangements.

Local Environment – None

Resources - None