

Report to Council	Agenda Item: 19
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Meeting Date: 30 April 2013
 Portfolio: Cross Cutting
 Key Decision: Not Applicable
 Within Policy and Budget Framework: NO
 Public / Private: Public

Title: OPERATION OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CALL-IN AND URGENCY
 Report of: Director of Governance
 Report Number: GD.18/13

Purpose / Summary:

To report on the operation of call-in and urgency over the past twelve months.

Recommendations:

That the report be noted and the current procedures on the operation of call-in and urgency be continued.

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Overview and Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	30 April 2013

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** This report has been prepared in accordance with Rule 15(j) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules which requires the operation of the provisions relating to call-in and urgency to be monitored annually, and a report submitted to Council.

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

2.1 Call-Ins

During the 2012/13 Municipal Year there have been no call-ins.

2.2 Urgency Rules

Rule 15(l) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules provides that call-in procedures shall not apply where a decision being taken by the Executive is urgent. A decision is urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest.

In these circumstances, the Chairman of the Council (i.e. the Mayor) has to agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

During the 2012/13 Municipal Year, the Mayor has agreed that the following decisions of the Executive were urgent and should not be subject to call-in procedures. The reasons for the Mayor's decision were set out in the decision notice at the time and in most cases the reason for urgency has been to enable items to be considered and debated by all Members at a full meeting of the City Council without an unreasonable delay. If the items had been called in the process would have overlapped the next Council meeting.

Executive – 2 July 2012

EX.71/12 – Food law Enforcement Plan

EX.72/12 – Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan

EX.73/12 – Botchergate Conservation Area Appraisal

EX.84/12 – Clean Up Carlisle

EX.87/12 – Land and property Transactions – Asset Review Disposal Programme

Executive – 3 September 2012

EX.107/12 – Draft Medium Term Financial Plan (Incorporating the Corporate Charging Policy) 2013/14 to 2017/18

EX.108/12 – Draft Capital Strategy 2013/14 to 2017/18

EX.109/12 – Draft Asset Management Plan 2012 – 2017

Executive – 29 October 2012

EX.120/12 – Draft Statement of Gambling Policy – Gambling Act 2005

EX.122/12 – Higher Level Stewardship Grant

EX.131/12 – Highways Claimed Rights

Executive – 17 December 2012

EX.159/12 – Provisional Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18

EX.163/12 – Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Business Plan 2013/14-2015/16

EX.164/12 – Tenancy Strategy

EX.166/12 – Proposals for implementation of Council Tax Technical Reforms to Discounts and Exemptions

EX.167/12 – Review of Polling Arrangements

Executive – 14 January 2013

EX.02/13 – Budget 2013/14 – Revenue Estimates – Summary of Overall Budgetary Position 2013/14 to 2017/18

EX.03/13 – Budget 2013/14 – Provisional Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18

EX.04/13 – Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy 2013/14

EX.05/13 – Executive Response to the Budget Consultation and Recommendations for the 2013/14 Budget

Executive – 8 April 2013

EX.33/13 – Draft Carlisle Plan 2013-2016

2.3 ITEMS NOT IN THE NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS

The following list details key decisions which have been considered by the Executive on the date shown under General Exception rules as they were not included in the Notice of Executive Key Decisions.

EX.57/12 – Tour of Britain on 30 April 2012

EX.168/12 – Business Interaction Centre on 17 December 2012

EX.169/12 – Private Sector Housing External Funding on 17 December 2012

EX.24/13 – Harraby Campus Development Project on 11 March 2013

EX.35/13 – CSP Partnership Plan on 8 April 2013

3. SUMMARY

In the past 12 months there have been no call-ins. Procedures to deal with call-ins are in place and a pro-forma is available for Members to use in calling in decisions on which Members are asked to identify the reasons for the call-in. The identification of specific reasons gives Portfolio Holders the opportunity to be prepared and briefed at call-in meetings although identifying the specific reason is not mandatory in the call-in process. It is considered that the system and processes already in place to deal with call-ins are satisfactory.

With regard to the urgency rules, the decisions on items deemed by the Mayor to be urgent and not subject to 'call in' have related to instances where recommendations from the Executive have been referred to the City Council for decision and the call-in period would overlap the date of the City Council.

4. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the report be noted and the current procedures on the operation of call-in and urgency be continued in accordance with Rule 15(j) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedures Rules.

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Appendices attached to report: None

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