

# Report to Council

Agenda  
Item:

**16**

Meeting Date: 20 July 2021  
Portfolio: Cross-cutting  
Key Decision: Not applicable  
Policy and Budget Framework: Not applicable  
Public / Private: Public

Title: OPERATION OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CALL-IN AND URGENCY  
Report of: Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services  
Report Number: GD.41/21

## Purpose / Summary:

To report on the operation of call-in and urgency since the previous report to Council on 20 July 2021.

## Recommendations:

That the position be noted.

## Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	20 July 2021cx

## **1. BACKGROUND**

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 Chair of the Council (i.e. the Mayor) or in her absence the Deputy Chair of the Council 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.

Furthermore, Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 prescribes that the intention to hold a meeting in private must be published at least 28 clear days prior to that meeting.

Where the date by which a meeting must be held makes compliance with the regulation impracticable, the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Panel or the Chairman of the Council may agree that the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

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

The Executive, at their meeting held on 5 July 2021, considered a report regarding the Regeneration Programme Update and Economic Programme Management Office

If a call-in was received, the call-in procedures would overlap the City Council meeting on 20 July 2021 when the Council is scheduled to consider the matter. Any delay caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council's interests in terms of approving the item.

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

### **3. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

**3.1** That the position be noted.

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**Appendices** None  
**attached to report:**

**Note:** in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- Carlisle City Council's Constitution

<https://www.carlisle.gov.uk/Council/Council-and-Democracy/Constitution>

- The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

#### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

**LEGAL** – Report is by the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services and legal comments are included.

**PROPERTY SERVICES** – Not applicable

**FINANCE** – Not applicable

**EQUALITY** – Not applicable

**INFORMATION GOVERNANCE** – Not applicable