

Report to Council

Agenda
Item:

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Meeting Date: 4 March 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.11/14

Purpose / Summary:

To report on the operation of call-in and urgency since the previous report to Council on 4 February 2014.

Recommendations:

That the position be noted.

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Overview and Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	4 March 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 10 February 2014, considered the following reports which were referred to Council. These items are all to be considered by the Council on 4 March 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 4 March 2014.

(i) Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation – Stage Two

The above report was submitted to and considered by the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 16 January 2014.

(ii) Revenue Budget Overview and Monitoring Report – April to December 2013

The above report was submitted to and considered by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 20 February 2014.

(iii) Capital Budget Overview and Monitoring Report – April to December 2013

The above report was submitted to and considered by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 20 February 2014.

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.

At a special meeting held on 17 February 2014 the Executive gave consideration to proposed amendments to the 2014/15 Budget agreed by Council on 4 February 2014. Any delay caused by the call-in process would have prejudiced the Council's interest in agreeing a final Budget for 2014/15 at the special Council meeting on 20 February 2014.

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

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