



Committee: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: MONDAY, 17TH AUGUST 2015

Venue: MORECAMBE TOWN HALL

Time: 6.00 P.M.

Councillors are reminded that as Members of overview and scrutiny they may not be subjected to the Party Whip, which is prohibited under the Lancaster City Council Constitution.

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chairman**
3. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations by Members of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Members should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

4. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider passing the following recommendation in relation to the following item :-

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business, on the grounds that they could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

Members are reminded that the Cabinet report in respect of the decision to which this Call-in relates contained exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and Cabinet excluded the public from the meeting during consideration thereof. The Cabinet report therefore remains exempt unless and until Cabinet decides otherwise.

However, it is for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to decide whether or not to consider the Call-in item in private or in public. In making the decision, Members should consider the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, whether the call-in item can be discussed without reference to the exempt information contained in the Cabinet report, and whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In considering their discretion Members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

5. Request to Call-in Cabinet Decision - Reorganisation of the Office of the Chief Executive - Cabinet Minute 17 (Pages 1 - 15)

The Cabinet decision on the Reorganisation of the Office of the Chief Executive – (Minute 17) taken by Cabinet on 4th August 2015 has been requested to be called in by Councillors Caroline Jackson and Phillippa Williamson (Overview and Scrutiny Members) and by Councillors Roger Mace, Dave Brookes and Chris Leadbetter.

This request was subsequently agreed by the Chief Executive. The decision has been called-in in accordance with Part 4 Section 5, Paragraph 16 of the Council's Constitution.

Councillor Eileen Blamire (Leader of the Council), Councillor Janice Hanson (Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Regeneration and Planning), Mark Cullinan, Chief Executive and Derek Whiteway, Internal Audit Manager and Deputy Section 151 Officer, have been invited to attend to outline the basis on which the decision was made.

Included in the agenda:

- Call-in Procedure
- Cabinet minute extract
- Call-in Notice
- Report to Cabinet and Appendix

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

Councillors Nigel Goodrich (Chairman), June Ashworth (Vice-Chairman), Lucy Atkinson, Alan Biddulph, Brett Cooper, Rob Devey, Caroline Jackson, David Whitaker and Phillippa Williamson

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Tracy Brown, Geoff Knight, Christopher Leadbetter, Roger Mace and Terrie Metcalfe

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Jenny Kay, Democratic Services - telephone (01524) 582065 or email jkay@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

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