

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

6.10 P.M.

28TH AUGUST 2018

PRESENT:- Councillors Nigel Goodrich (Chairman), Roger Mace (Vice-Chairman), Alan Biddulph, Tracy Brown, Charlie Edwards (Substitute for Brett Cooper), Caroline Jackson, John Reynolds (Substitute for Rob Devey) and David Whitaker

Also in Attendance:-

Councillor Janice Hanson – Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Anne Whitehead – Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Finance
Councillor Jon Barry
Councillor Dave Brookes
Councillor Tim Hamilton-Cox

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillors June Ashworth, Brett Cooper and Rob Devey

Officers in attendance:-

Kieran Keane	Assistant Chief Executive
Andrew Clarke	Financial Services Manager
Stephen Metcalfe	Principal Democratic Support Officer
Jenny Kay	Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer

5 REQUEST TO CALL-IN CABINET DECISION : BUDGET SUPPORT RESERVE - PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS - MINUTE 28

Members were advised that the Cabinet decision in relation to Budget Support Reserve-Proposed Allocations - Cabinet Minute 28, had been called-in by the following 5 Members:

Councillors Caroline Jackson, Roger Mace, Tim Hamilton-Cox, Dave Brookes and Jon Barry.

Members were informed that the Call-in had been made on the basis that the decision had not been made in accordance with all the principles set out in Article 13 (Decision Making) of the Constitution, in particular :

- (d) Lack of openness
- (f) Insufficient information about the options that were considered or the reasons for arriving at the decision.

The Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed and invited the Councillors who had made the Call-in request to summarise the reasons for the Call-in. Councillor Jackson set out the reasons for the Call-in.

The Chairman invited Councillors Hanson and Whitehead, the Assistant Chief Executive and the Financial Services Manager to explain the reasons for the decision of Cabinet.

The Chairman invited signatories to the Call-in to ask questions and Councillors Hanson and Whitehead, the Assistant Chief Executive and the Financial Services Manager responded.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members were then invited to ask questions and Councillors Hanson and Whitehead, the Assistant Chief Executive and the Financial Services Manager responded.

**The meeting adjourned at 7.30pm and re-convened at 7.40pm
to allow the Call-in signatories to confer.**

It was proposed by Councillor Caroline Jackson and seconded by Councillor Roger Mace:-

- “(1) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that Cabinet considers the list of projects and the way in which the projects are prioritised, at its next meeting.
- (2) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee refer to the Constitutional Working Group the following issues :
 - (i) Clarification of what should be referred to Cabinet or Council regarding spending of the City Council’s reserves.
 - (ii) Request the Constitutional Working Group to consider additional parameters that should be set on the amount Cabinet can spend from the City Council’s Reserves.”

Upon being put to the vote Members voted unanimously in favour, whereupon the Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Resolved:

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Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.)

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