

The current chief executive has announced his retirement after some 15 years in post. Arrangements for the office of the Chief Executive are likely to be of relevance for longer than the four year lifetime of the current administration - and an opportunity should therefore be made available for proposals to be considered more widely than by one political group alone. The purpose of this call-in is to ensure that this opportunity for wider consideration is provided - and to call the executive to account for their decision.

In particular, the decision to defer consideration of the report "until after a replacement Chief Executive has been recruited"

- amounts to avoiding making a choice on one of the most important issues facing the Council in recent years
- fails to give reasons for what has been decided about the Reorganisation
- fails to discriminate between elements in the report which may or may not at some point be acceptable

A decision on *the need* for recruiting a replacement is a pre-requisite for deciding upon Reorganisation of the Office of the Chief Executive. The wording of the cabinet's resolution implies that a replacement Chief Executive is to be recruited, when no discussion has taken place on *the need* to recruit a replacement Chief Executive - and no formal decision to recruit has yet been made.

SIGNED:	Members of Overview & Scrutiny Committee Cllr Caroline Jackson	Cllr Phillippa Williamson
	Three Further Councillors Cllr Mace	Cllr Leadbetter Cllr Brookes

(Note: A valid request for call in must be signed by a total of 5 Members of the Council, including 2 or more Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and all 5 Councillors must not be from the same political group.)

DATE: 10th August 2015

This request for call in must be submitted to the Chief Executive (by post, fax or e-mail) within 5 working days of the date of publication of the decision.