

REQUEST FOR CALL-IN

This form is to be used when calling in a decision taken by the Cabinet, an Individual Member of the Cabinet or a committee of the Cabinet, or a key decision made by an officer with delegated authority from the Cabinet, or under joint arrangements. The full procedure is set out in paragraph 16, Part 4, Section 5 of the Constitution and page 7 of the Handbook.

ITEM TO BE CALLED IN: Budget Support Reserve Proposed Allocations	
DATE DECISION TAKEN: 7 th August 2018	
DECISION TAKEN BY:	Tick
Cabinet	x
Individual Member of Cabinet (please state)	
Councillor	
Committee of Cabinet (please state)	
Key Decision by Officer with delegated authority (please state)	
Joint Arrangements (please state)	
REASONS FOR CALL-IN: (please indicate your reasons below)	Tick
(a) Proportionality (i.e. the decision is not proportionate to the desired outcome).	
(b) Lack of, or insufficient consultation and the taking of professional advice from Officers.	
(c) Lack of, or insufficient respect for human rights.	
(d) Lack of openness.	x
(e) The aims and desired outcomes of the decision are not clearly expressed.	
(f) Insufficient information about the options that were considered or the reasons for arriving at the decision.	x
(g) Other (please give your reason(s) in full below).	

REASONS AND (IF APPROPRIATE) PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION:

1. The Programme Manager post, cost £100k, is not part of the Budget Framework as passed by Budget Council March 2018. *Constitution Section 4 article 3 states "if any of these bodies (Cabinet, committees officers previously specified) wishes to take a decision contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Budget approved by council then that decision may only be taken by the council"*

Alternative course of action: decision to be taken to Full Council

2. The allocation of £200,000 for Project Support Capacity includes no specific information about what the sum will be spent on. Cabinet was unable therefore to decide whether this expenditure secures value for money which is a responsibility of all members and officers. *Constitution Part 5 Section 1.1.1*

Alternative course of action: Cabinet to reconsider the decision once officers have provided details of the intended expenditure

3. The expenditure of £200,000 from Budget Support Reserve for Project Support Capacity appears to relate to the development proposals in the 2019/20 budget. It forms a significant proportion when set against 2018/9 budget spend of circa £1,500,000 on development projects. This proposed spending of public money has not been openly discussed and debated or democratically determined by Full Council as part of the Budget process and is therefore challenged. *Constitution Part 4 Section 3*

Alternative course of action: In future, Cabinet requires officers full costings for projects submitted as budget growth/redirection proposals for the Budget Framework and discuss with Chief officers how these costings might be effectively reviewed by Section 151 officer/Monitoring officer present

SIGNED:

Members of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Caroline Jackson

Cllr Roger Mace

Three Further Councillors

Cllr Tim Hamilton Cox

Cllr Dave Brookes

Cllr Jon
Barry

(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: 16/08/18

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.