

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY		
DATE OF DECISION:	21 ST JANUARY 2009		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF CORPORATE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

SUMMARY

This report provides the Council with a summary of the use of the call-in procedure over the last 3 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Part 4 of the Constitution, which relates to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, requires the use of call-in to be reported to Council on a quarterly basis.

CONSULTATION

2. This report is a regular item which summarises the use of, and outcomes from, the call-in procedure during the previous three months.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None.

DETAIL

4. Paragraph 12.29 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules requires Full Council to receive a report every quarter on the use of the call-in procedure.
5. Two executive decisions have been called-in since the previous quarterly update report to Full Council. The details of these call-ins and the outcomes resulting from the call-in meetings are summarised on the following pages.

6. **A: CAB068-10/2008- Review of City Council Residential Care Home Provision in Southampton**

Reasons given for the call-in:

1. Failure to explore the viability of alternative proposals.
2. The decision will lead to a smaller, less competitive market place for publicly funded care.
3. Failure to take into account the views of those most effected.

Recommendations from the call-in meeting:

That the Cabinet Member reconsiders the decision at the next Cabinet meeting, and that the following recommendations be considered:

- (a) that the search for a private sector partner, beyond the two already consulted to run either or both of these care homes, be extended, including exploring the option for a management co-operative;
- (b) that a LIFT scheme to fund a multi-layered residential offer for older people be investigated;
- (c) that the PCT minutes detailing full discussions relating to alternatives that had been exhausted be made available to the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee;
- (d) that a mixed use community care provision be investigated in one of the two care homes before any closure, with a suggested split of 60% long term and 40% respite care;
- (e) that the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee be provided with evidence that the demand for respite care in the city was met;
- (f) that the Cabinet Member ensured that lessons about the success or otherwise of this consultation process were learnt; and
- (g) that the work associated with recommendations (a) to (g) was completed as quickly as possible.

Subsequent decision of the Executive:

At a special meeting on the 14th November the executive re-affirmed the original decision, taking into consideration recommendations b, c and e put forward by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee recorded above and an amended recommendation g, agreeing that the work associated with recommendations b, c and e should be completed as quickly as possible.

7. **B: CAB094-11/2008: Installation of New Cremators and Modernisation Works at Southampton Crematorium**

Reasons given for the call-in:

1. Failure to justify the decision.
2. Failure to take into account the effects of the decision on the service.
3. Failure to take into account the effects of the decision on Southampton residents

Recommendations from the call-in meeting:

- (i) that the Cabinet Member be requested to re-consider the decision;
and
- (ii) that the Cabinet Member be requested to consider the phasing in of the price increase, once the full financial information was available.

Subsequent decision of the Executive:

At a special meeting on the 10th December the Executive resolved to endorse the original decision approved by Cabinet on 24th November 2008.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

8. None

Revenue

9. None

Property

10. None

Other

11. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Other Legal Implications:

13. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

	None

Documents In Members' Rooms

	None

Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the
Access to Information
Procedure Rules / Schedule
12A allowing document to be
Exempt/Confidential (if
applicable)

	None	

Background documents available for inspection at: Not Applicable

FORWARD PLAN No: Not Applicable **KEY DECISION?** No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly
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