

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 26 August 2015
Report of: Head of Corporate Governance and Stewardship
Title: Pest Control Service Review

1.0 Report Summary

This report sets out the procedure for the Call-in of the decision of the Portfolio Holder for Communities made on 13 July 2015.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers whether or not it wishes to offer advice to the decision maker (Portfolio Holder) in response to the Call In.

3.0 Wards Affected

- 3.1 All Wards

4.0 Local Ward Members

- 4.1 All Members for the above Wards.

5.0 Policy Implications

- 5.1 Contained within the attached report.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 Contained within the attached report.

7.0 Legal Implications

- 7.1 Contained within the attached report.

8.0 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 Contained within the attached report.

9.0 Background and Options

- 9.1 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.3 any 6 or more Councillors can call in a decision. In this case, 6 Members have called in the above decision for the reasons identified in Appendix 1.
- 9.2 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.8 the Committee has two options in respect of any further action. The Committee may decide to offer no advice, in which case the decision may be implemented. Alternatively, the Committee may decide to offer advice, in which case, the matter must be referred to the decision maker, in this case the Portfolio Holder, in order for a decision to be made upon it. In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.10, the decision maker is not bound to accept any advice offered to it and will have sole discretion on any further action to be taken. Such action may include:
- (1) Confirming with or without amendment the original decision; or
 - (2) Deferring the matter pending further consideration; or
 - (3) Making a different decision.
- 9.3 Where the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to offer advice, this must be clearly documented in the minutes
- 9.4 If the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides not to offer any advice, then the decision of the Cabinet can be implemented immediately.
- 9.5 Full details of the Call-In Procedure can be found at Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12
- 9.6 The Portfolio Holder and relevant officers will attend the meeting to explain the background and reasons for the decision and to answer any questions the Committee may have.
- 9.7 The following records the decision of the meeting held on 13 July 2015:

RESOLVED

1. That detail in relation to the current provision of pest control services within Cheshire East, and the financial implications of various service delivery models that have been considered as part of a full review of the service, be noted.
2. That the proposal for the reduced service delivery model be approved as the most appropriate way forward to meet financial savings and to underline the commitment of Cheshire East Council to the treatment of public health pests.

3. That the Principal Manager: Regulatory Services and Health be authorised to implement the reduced service delivery model in conjunction with any necessary consultation with staff, Trade Unions and Human Resources.
4. That the Principal Manager: Regulatory Services and Health be authorised to communicate any changes to pest control service delivery to relevant internal and external stakeholders.

9.8 The Report of the Principal Manager: Regulatory Services and Health is attached at Appendix 2.

9.9 A response to the issues raised in the Call-In Notice is attached at Appendix 3.

10.0 **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Call In Notice

Appendix 2 – Report of the Principal Manager: Regulatory Services and Health

Appendix 3 – Response to the issues raised in the Call-in Notice

11.0 **Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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