

Call In Request Form

Decision taken by: Cabinet Member for Communities

Date of Decision 13/07/2015.

Title of agenda item/report Pest Control Service Review

Reason for Call In**

- 1) Viable alternatives have not been considered in public, in particular the option to transfer the services to an existing or new Alternative Service Delivery Vehicle (ASDV). It is understood that the ASDV option might have been discussed at informal cabinet, but there is no public record of this and so no public scrutiny has been possible.
- 2) The proposal was not considered by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and this represents a failure to consult and consider other options than those presented in public to the Portfolio Holder.
- 3) The alleged budget requirement to remove the subsidy for the service is not evident within the Budget Proposals presented to elected members in February 2015. The decision therefore is open to challenge as being outside the policy framework.
- 4) It is stated in the background notes to the decision that the proposal arose from a review of enforcement activities. When questioned on this at the meeting, it was stated that the savings proposed do not affect enforcement. There is an internal contradiction within the statement. Moreover, there is reference in the decision notice to a report on different delivery options, but no such report was considered in public by the Portfolio Holder.
- 5) To effect the changes proposed in the current financial year will incur a non-recurrent redundancy cost, for which there is no identified budget. The decision is therefore outside the budgetary framework.

Call In Signatories (to be signed by 6 Members)

Signed Councillor...B Roberts.....

Signed Councillor.....I Fasheyi.....

Signed Councillor...N Mannion.....

Signed Councillor.....S Brookfield.....

Signed Councillor.....J Jackson.....

Signed Councillor.....S Corcoran.....

Date of call in Notice...15/07/2015

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- (1) Decision is taken outside the policy/budgetary framework
- (2) Inadequate consultation relating to the decision
- (3) Relevant information not considered
- (4) Viable alternatives not considered
- (5) Justification for the decision open to challenge on the basis of the evidence considered

Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Signature