

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 3
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Report of the Director of Governance

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REQUEST FOR CALL-IN OF AN EXECUTIVE DECISION: The Future Direction of Children's Centres Delivery - FEB14/CAB/09

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider a request to call-in an executive decision made by the Cabinet.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee considers a request to call-in a decision taken by the Cabinet in respect of the Future Direction of Children's Centres Delivery.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 3 February 2014, the Cabinet made an executive decision relating to the Future Direction of Children's Centres Delivery. In accordance with the Constitution this decision was published on 3 February 2014.
- 3.2 On 5 February 2014, Councillor Ed Murphy, Councillor Lisa Forbes and Councillor Jo Johnson submitted a request to call-in this decision on the following grounds:
- (i) Decision is Key but it has not been dealt with in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
 - (ii) The decision does not follow the principles of good decision making set out in Article 12 of the Council's Constitution, specifically that the decision maker did not:
 - (a) Realistically consider all alternatives and, where reasonably possible, consider the views of the public.
 - (b) Understand and keep to the legal requirements regulating their power to make decisions.
 - (d) Act for a proper purpose and in the interests of the public.
 - (f) Follow procedures correctly and be fair.
- 3.3 A copy of the request to call-in is attached at Appendix 1 and a copy of the report considered by the Cabinet is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.4 After considering the request to call-in and all relevant advice, the Committee may either:
- (a) not agree to the request to call-in, when the decision shall take effect immediately;
 - (b) refer the decision back to the decision maker for reconsideration, setting out its concerns; or
 - (c) refer the matter to full Council.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Any implications are contained within the Cabinet report at Appendix 2.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Request to Call-In Decision

Appendix 2 – Report Considered by the Cabinet

Appendix 3 - Copy of Decision Notice – The Future Direction of Childrens Centres Delivery –
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