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**CALL-IN REFERRAL FROM CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 17 FEBRUARY 2014 – EXECUTIVE DECISION – THE FUTURE
DIRECTION OF CHILDREN’S CENTRES DELIVERY FEB14/CAB/09**

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| R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S |
| FROM : Director of Governance |
| It is recommended that Council considers a request to call-in a decision taken by the Cabinet in respect of the Future Direction of Children’s Centres Delivery. |

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 For Council to debate a call-in referral from the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee and to consider whether it is appropriate to refer the decision back for reconsideration by the decision maker.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Council’s Constitution (Part 4, Section 8, Paragraph 13.7) a matter considered by a Scrutiny Committee in response to a call-in request can be referred to Full Council.

2.2 The Scrutiny Procedure Rules further detail in Paragraph 13.8 that ‘if a matter is referred to Full Council it will be considered at the next Ordinary meeting of Full Council (subject to an extraordinary meeting being called). If the Council does not object or refer the decision back to the decision making body or person, the decision shall take effect on the date of the Council meeting’.

2.3 On 3 February 2014, the Cabinet made an executive decision relating to the Future Direction of Children’s Centres Delivery.

2.4 On 5 February 2014, a request to call-in this decision was received.

2.5 On 17 February 2014, the call-in request was considered by the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee and the call-in was upheld. It was agreed that the decision be referred to Full Council for consideration and debate.

2.6 The agenda pack for the Creating Opportunities and Tackling inequalities Scrutiny Committee, containing all of the relevant information is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

2.7 After considering the request to call-in and all relevant advice, Council may either:

- (a) Not agree to the request to call-in, when the decision shall take effect immediately; or

(b) Refer the decision back to the decision maker for reconsideration, setting out its concerns.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Any implications are contained within the Cabinet report, dated 3 February 2014, contained within Appendix 1.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

4.1 None.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Agenda Pack Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee
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