

CALL-IN REQUEST FORM



This form must be completed and signed by any TWO members of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and MUST be returned to the *Proper Officer within 3 working days of the decision being published (*not including the day of publication*). Please telephone the Proper Officer to make them aware that the Call-In form is on its way.

**Please note that the Proper Officer can be any of the following Senior Democratic Services Officers: Paulina Ford, Tel: 452508, Daniel Kalley, Tel: 01733 296334, Jane Webb, Tel: 01733 452281 or Phillipa Turvey, Democratic and Constitutional Services Manager, Tel: 01733 452460 The Call-In Request will only be valid if it has been received in person by any of the above people within the 3 working day deadline. The form may be emailed or hand delivered. If sent in the post you must call the Proper Officer to advise that it has been posted and it will need to be received by the Proper Officer within the 3 working day deadline.*

Decision taker:	Councillor Steve Allen, Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Recreation
Date of publication of decision:	22/05/2019
Title of Decision Called in :	Approval of Funding for the provision of accommodation to reduce homelessness. MAY19/CMDN/01
Date Decision Called in:	28/05/2015

	REASONS FOR CALL-IN	Tick which reason applies
1.	Decision is contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework rules set out in Part 4 Section 6 of the Council's Constitution? <i>(If this is the case it will require a reference to Council by a Scrutiny Committee on a report from the Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer)</i>	
2.	Decision is Key but it has not been dealt with in accordance with the Council's Constitution.	
3.	Decision does not follow principles of good decision-making set out in Part 2, Article 11 (Decision Making) of the Council's Constitution.	X
If reason 3, please tick which specific element of Article 11 the decision maker has not followed, did he or she not:		
(a)	Realistically consider all alternatives and, where reasonably possible, consider the views of the public.	X
(b)	Understand and keep to the legal requirements regulating their power to make decisions	
(c)	Take account of all relevant matters, both in general and specific, and ignore any irrelevant matters.	X
(d)	Act for a proper purpose and in the interests of the public.	
(e)	Keep to the rules relating to local government finance.	
(f)	Follow procedures correctly and be fair.	
(g)	Make sure they are properly authorised to make the decisions.	
(h)	Be responsible for their decisions and be prepared to give reasons for them.	
(i)	Take appropriate professional advice from officers.	

Detailed Reason(s) for Call-in. *Please detail the reasons below why the Scrutiny Committee should review or scrutinise the decision and consider referring it back to the Executive, please be specific in how it applies to the reason for call-in as identified on page 1 of the form. E.g. if you have ticked reason 1 on the form then please identify which major policy is affected and how/why or which area of the budget framework.*

Alternatives have not realistically been considered, especially regarding the dwellings in Midland Road, as different types of tenancy rather than affordable rents.

The views of residents of Eye Green and Midland Road may not have been considered. Realistic options could not be made as it is a backdated decision, to fund Medesham Homes.

There has not been proper consultation with residents about the proposals to build these additional dwellings in Eye amongst other places.

The original financing scheme put together for the council is somewhat different to what has now been suggested and Councillors have not been consulted on using funds from right to buy receipts or other Council funds for the dwellings that have been built and are occupied in Midland Road.

The combined authority had indicated that funding was to come from its resources and it was upon that basis that Councillors were aware of the decisions going forward.

Councillors may have been aware of decisions in the planning and construction stages but now that the properties have been completed this is a different matter and councillors were not consulted on the variation in the type of tenancy that has been given to some tenants.

Peterborough Councillors have not been consulted on the Council providing additional funding for the Housing Company following the errors realised and confirmed over many months that homes for "affordable rents" could not be funded directly by the Combine Authority, despite members of the Combined Authority raising this issue several times and Cllr Murphy asking pertinent questions at our Council meetings.

Details of Alternative Course of Action or Recommendations you wish to propose. *Please specify what course of action you are proposing should be taken and any recommendations that you are proposing should be considered by the Scrutiny Committee.*

Scrutiny requires a fuller explanation as to what has happened and what the options are.

We understand that a housing revenue account is being established. Is there not a way to fund homes through this?

Presumably, Cross Keys Homes are involved with the houses in Midland Road, Scrutiny Committee needs to know who the landlord is for the present dwellings and those that are proposed.

So for example, homes proposed in Eye, could they be owned by a different landlord?

The Council could decide not to fund Midland Road back dated, and the owner or Combined Authority or Homes England could be looked at with a view to helping.

The Combined Authority have established a housing company, and there are other housing associations and private landlords in Peterborough, along with the Council who could build new homes. For example, in Eye.

The Leader of Council has indicated that they are waiting for an update on regulations concerning the funding of affordable homes, he's said we should know a few weeks from April 1st, perhaps we should await this review of regulations, to see whether the original funding inadvertently explored, can now be delivered..

	Name (please print)	Member of Which Scrutiny Committee	Signature	Date
1.	Darren Fower	Growth Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Fower	28/05/2019
2.	Lucinda Robinson	Growth Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Robinson via email	28/5/2019

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