

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 3
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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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REQUEST FOR CALL-IN OF AN EXECUTIVE DECISION: NENE PARK TRUST – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

1. PURPOSE

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

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee considers a request to call-in a decision taken by the Leader in respect of the Nene Park Trust – Appointment of Council Representative.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 19 March 2010, the Leader made an executive decision relating to the appointment of a Council representative to the Nene Park Trust. In accordance with the Constitution this decision was published on that date.
- 3.2 On 24 March 2010, Councillors Goldspink and Sandford submitted a request to call-in this decision on the following grounds:
- (i) The decision does not follow the principles of good decision making as 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; and
 - (b) 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 decision notice 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;
 - 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 decision notice at Appendix.

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 – Decision Notice