

Subject: Call-in Requests
Date of Meeting: 27 April 2010
Report of: Director of Strategy and Governance
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 In accordance with the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the operation of the provisions relating to call-in and urgency shall be monitored annually, and a report submitted (via the Governance Committee) to Council with proposals for review if necessary.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the information be noted.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Council procedural rules require that an annual report should be taken to the Governance Committee and Full Council detailing the number of call-in requests and whether any changes to the call-in process should be made.

- 3.2 There have been four call-in requests during 2009/10:

- (i) 6/10/2009 - ECSOSC - Pedestrian Network Phase 2
The decision was taken by Cabinet on the 17/9/2009
This decision was not referred back but further informal consultation was to be carried out.
- (ii) 6/10/2009 - ECSOSC - City parks Downland Management
This decision was taken by the Environment CMM on the 6/10/2009
This was referred back to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting on the basis of:
- Lack of consultation with local conservation & wildlife groups;
 - Lack of information in the CMM report relating to cutting and composting of sites not being grazed;
 - Lack of analysis evidence in the CMM report on the lack of impact of the Downland Mowing Policy on a site by site basis.

CMM 5/11/09 - Decision

That, having taken into account the recommendations of the Environment & Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the additional information provided by the Director of Environment, the Cabinet Member confirmed his decision of 24 September 2009 in relation to City parks Downland Management.

(iii) 27/11/2009 - OSC

Three-Year Strategic Grants 2010-13: Decisions on Full Bid Applications

The decision was taken by Cabinet on the 12/11/2009

This decision was not referred back to Cabinet. The Overview & Scrutiny Commission recommended that:

- (a) A policy and methodology review should be undertaken of the Three Year Grants by the Communities Team, with the Member Advisory Group, and this should be referred to Scrutiny in advance of commencement of the next Three Year Grant process and
- (b) The Communities Team and other relevant officers explore, as a matter of urgency, alternative sources of funding for the Crew Club, the Bridge, and other projects which had received no funding via this round of grants.

(iv) 26/01/2010 - ECSOSC

Hangleton Bottom - whether this should have been put on the Forward Plan

The decision was taken on by the Cabinet Member for Central Services at their meeting on the 18/1/2010.

The decision was not referred back to the CMM.

- 3.3 There have been no reports where for reasons of urgency an exemption from the requirements for the call-in period of the decision had been requested during the 2009/10 municipal year.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The information contained in the report is being reported to the Governance Committee where all party groups are represented, before being submitted to Full Council.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 31/03/10

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The information in this report complies with the requirements of the council's procedural rules.
- 5.3 There are no adverse Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Date: 31/03/10

Equalities Implications:

- 5.4 There are no direct equalities implications arising from the report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.5 None arising directly from this report

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.6 None arising directly from this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.7 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 None arising directly from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents:

None

