

'CALL IN' OF DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

This form is to be used for the 'calling in' of decisions of the above bodies, in accordance with the procedure set out in Part 4 Section H.2 of the Constitution.

TITLE OF MEETING	Cabinet
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DATE OF MEETING	19 th July 2011
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MINUTE No. AND TITLE OF ITEM	CAB20 – PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THREE OLDER PEOPLE'S RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES AND LEARNING DISABILITIES RESIDENTIAL AND RESPITE CARE HOMES
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1. Reason for Call-In/Is it claimed to be outside the policy or budget framework?

The proposal is considered to be inside the policy and budget framework but:

- The proposal does not adequately take into account the specific needs of the users of 100 Whitehall Street, many of who have severe learning disabilities, have built up personal relationships with staff and other users, and will find the change extremely difficult
- The proposals will result in reduced provision and choice for people with learning disabilities and their families, contrary to Council policies on widening choice and personalising care.
- The proposal fails to address the shortage of acceptable alternative respite care provision for people with severe learning disabilities, which was highlighted as a real problem by the user's families during the consultation, and which Haringey officers agreed was a problem during the consultation meeting.
- The proposal does not consider the substantial £550,000 capital investment made by the Council just 5 years ago on 100 Whitehall Street, and the cost effectiveness of continuing to use the building for services for people with learning disabilities.
- The proposal has been developed without consideration of or consultation with local residents who live in the vicinity of 100 Whitehall Street or local residents associations.

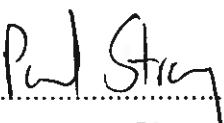
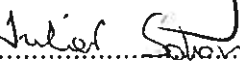

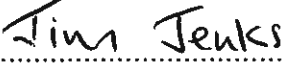
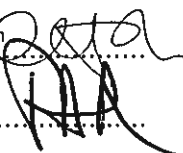
2. Variation of Action Proposed

- There should be an immediate suspension of the process of closing 100 Whitehall Street
- The Council should develop a management plan for reducing costs at 100 Whitehall Road to deliver the £237,234 savings set out in the budget plans, without closing this well-loved facility
- The Council should use expertise from the voluntary, independent or private sector to look at ways of reducing costs at 100 Whitehall Road.
- If necessary, the Council should consider transferring ownership or management of the centre over to a voluntary, independent or private sector provider, if this secures the continuation of a quality service at 100 Whitehall Street.

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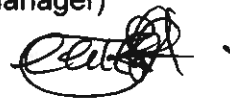
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Date Submitted: 29 July 2011

Date Received : 29 July 2011 @ 8.15hrs
(to be completed by the Non Cabinet Committees Manager)



Notes:

1. Please send this form to:
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2. This form must be received by the Non Cabinet Committees Manager by 10.00 a.m. on the fifth working day following publication of the minutes.
3. The proper officer will forward all timely and proper call-in requests to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and notify the decision taker and the relevant Director.
4. A decision will be implemented after the expiry of ten working days following the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee's receipt of a call-in request, unless a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee takes place during the 10 day period.
5. If a call-in request claims that a decision is contrary to the policy or budget framework, the Proper Officer will forward the call-in requests to the Monitoring Officer and /or Chief Financial Officer for a report to be prepared for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee advising whether the decision does fall outside the policy or budget framework.