

## **'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.

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| <b>TITLE OF MEETING</b> | Cabinet |
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| <b>DATE OF MEETING</b> | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 |
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| <b>MINUTE No. AND TITLE OF ITEM</b> | 37. Leisure Management |
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### **1. Reason for Call-In/Is it claimed to be outside the policy or budget framework?**

Reasons for call-in:

- The decision to insource leisure services has been taken without providing evidence to decision makers and the public that the council has rigorously examined whether this decision provides best value for money for Haringey taxpayers.
- The decision has been taken on the basis of a vague list of benefits of insourcing, with no effort made to quantify the costs and benefits of different options.
- There is no scoring system between the various options.
- No information has been provided to Cabinet about the comparative cost of a new leisure management contract in the immediate term, despite several providers displaying interest.
- No attempt has been made to interrogate the ongoing costs of running leisure services in-house or under a new contract, despite Haringey's overall poor financial position.
- The report of the external consultant's financial modelling was referenced at the bottom of the cabinet paper, but wasn't included with the report – even as an exempt paper.
- No option was considered for a joint contract with another authority such as Enfield, who have also had issues with Fusion.
- No consideration has been given to the fact that an in-house provision means current members of external providers won't be able to use Haringey leisure centres under their existing membership, whereas if a provider that currently provided the service locally were chosen (e.g. Better, who run services in Camden and Islington) then visit rates are likely to increase as existing members could also visit Haringey.
- Residents were not consulted or even asked on their views about who should run the service, with the deputation from the Park Road Lido User Group highlighting significant concerns about insourcing the service.

The council has clearly failed to robustly demonstrate that insourcing leisure services will provide Best Value for Money for residents nor would provide an overall better service for residents than other options, and Cabinet was not provided with sufficient information to take an informed decision; and therefore the decision falls outside the Policy Framework.

A call-in would allow a pause on the decision and further scrutiny in detail on the options proposed, and would also allow clarity on whether the decision falls within the budget framework.

## **2. Variation of Action Proposed**

The council should publish a cost / benefit analysis between the five options presented in the Cabinet paper including a financial risk assessment spanning five years which would present best- and worst-case scenarios for each option, perform a robustly and independently graded scoring system between the five options in the Cabinet paper, and consult with key stakeholders and residents before taking a final decision on which option to take. Only when this is completed would the decision satisfy the policy and budget framework.

**Signed:**

Councillor Luke Cawley-Harrison

**Countersigned:**

1. Councillor Alessandra Rossetti
2. Councillor Dawn Barnes
3. Councillor Scott Emery
4. Councillor Nick da Costa
5. Councillor Marsha Isilar-Gosling

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2023

**Date Received :**

(to be completed by the Democratic Services Manager)

Notes:

1. Please send this form to:  
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This form must be received by the Acting Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager by 10.00 a.m. on the fifth working day following publication of the minutes.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.