

'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	17 th November 2009
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MINUTE No. AND TITLE OF ITEM	CAB92 Supported Housing Review
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1. Reason for Call-In/Is it claimed to be outside the policy or budget framework?

The proposals are considered to be inside the policy and budget framework but:


- The Council has failed to apply a consistent weighting to the clearly expressed wishes of all four schemes. For one scheme residents wishes have been supported. For three schemes they have not.
- The Council has failed to provide residents with clarity on any alternative accommodation arrangements which has resulted in significant stress and uncertainty for residents. 6.6 indicates deferring a decision was rejected on the grounds of the stress it causes residents yet for three of the four schemes that is precisely what has been done.
- The Council has provided no clarity on the decision making process, decision criteria and weighting of the various criteria that has been used or will be used.
- The decision to review Sheltered Housing at Campbell Court, Protheroe House, Larkspur Close and Stokely Court at this time conflicts with the proposed undertaking of an entire review of future provision of Supported Housing as part of the Older Persons Housing Strategy which is not due for completion until December 2010.
- The Ridgeway Report identified twelve schemes as not fit for purpose within five years. This is a strategic issue and should be addressed as part of the Older Persons Housing Strategy.
- Displacing older person residents from supported housing they wish to remain living in is in direct conflict with the Council Plan priorities 3, 4 & 5 contrary to the statements in the Cabinet report.

Variation of Action Proposed

The Overview and Scrutiny committee is asked to:

- Refer the decision back to Full Council with the recommendation that:
 - Any decision must be shown to be clearly in the interests of the residents in sheltered accommodation
 - The decision criteria and weighting should be clearly stated and agreed now rather than during the decision.
 - The Older Persons Housing Strategy should be completed before the future of any specific supported housing scheme is considered.
 - No action should be taken in any scheme until all residents of the scheme have been given a clear view of their individual alternative accommodation and have agreed it as acceptable.
 - The decent homes budgets for these schemes should be ring fenced and the funds should not be spent elsewhere until the Older Persons Housing Strategy and any subsequent decisions on schemes futures are made with residents.

Signed:

Councillor:  (Please print name): ROBERT SPENCE

Countersigned:

1. Councillor: Rachel Allison (Please print name): RACHEL ALLISON
2. Councillor: Nigel Scott (Please print name): NIGEL SCOTT
3. Councillor: Gail Engert (Please print name): GAIL ENGERT
4. Councillor: Lyn Weber (Please print name): LYN WEBER

Date Submitted:

Date Received: 25 November 2009 @ 16.45hrs . ea/ht
(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.