

'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
DATE OF MEETING	20 th October
MINUTE No. AND TITLE OF ITEM	15 Selby Urban Village – Award of Contracts for Heat Supply Arrangements

1. Reason for Call-In/Is it claimed to be outside the policy or budget framework?

This decision is not claimed to be outside the policy or budgetary frameworks, but the decision relies on significant amounts of exempt information, is based on decisions made in a previous policy context and does not guarantee value for money for residents.

1. Exempt Information

The decision report relies on significant amounts of exempt information regarding the costs and terms of the contract. Exempt information includes the total value of the contract, costs to the council and crucially risks related to the contract, and the council's assessment of risks and mitigations. This deprives members and residents of the information needed to scrutinise and assess this decision.

The council's constitution sets out that decision making should take "a presumption in favour of openness". Exempting the council's assessment of the risks associated with Energetik contradicts this principle.

2. Changed policy context

Since the decision of 8 January 2026 to engage in a direct procurement exercise with Energetik, there have been significant changes to Energetik's financial position and outlook.

The current report highlights that "Energetik is fully owned by Enfield Council as the sole shareholder". However, in June 2026, Enfield Council's cabinet agreed in principle to the sale of Energetik, whilst retaining a "golden share". The decision leaves Haringey Council entering a forty-year contract shortly before a change in Energetik's ownership posing significant risk to future tenants at Selby Urban Village.

A recent [report](#) to Enfield Council further highlights the need to closely monitor Energetik's 'liquidity position' in light of slower progress expanding the network.

The Cabinet decision should therefore be reconsidered in this new context.

3. Affordability for residents

This decision would lock future Haringey Council tenants into a supply arrangement with Energetik as a monopoly.

Most of Haringey's current tenants have the ability to choose energy supplier and switch in response to competitive tariffs and consumer offers. This decision would not be equitable and leave future tenants at Selby Urban Village without the same consumer freedoms as other Haringey tenants.

4. Sustainability

The proposal is not in line with the council's net-zero commitments. Currently, the Energetik network is supplied by gas, with "classified low carbon heat" not expected to be available until July 2029, after the first tenants should have moved on site. This is liable to further delays and relies on the North London Waste Authority's ongoing construction programme. The public report does not set out what mitigations are in place to prevent delay.

The report also fails to explain why more sustainable options, such as Air Source Heat Pumps and Ground Source Heat Pumps, were not chosen over energy generated through the incineration of waste.

2. Variation of Action Proposed

- Do not take this decision forward
- Refer a revised report to the relevant scrutiny panel including:
 - o Transparent consideration of the financial risks arising from this decision, including the liquidity issues facing Energetik
 - o Transparent consideration of the changed policy context and the risk to Haringey's residents, including the proposed sale of Energetik to a private provider
 - o Consideration of alternative energy suppliers for the Selby Urban Village Development
 - o Consideration of an open procurement exercise prioritising affordability for council tenants
 - o Options for alternative energy sources, including heat pumps.

Signed:

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Date Submitted:

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.