

## '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.

<b>TITLE OF MEETING</b>	The Cabinet
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2008
<b>MINUTE No. AND TITLE OF ITEM</b>	CAB35

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

The proposal is not considered to be outside the budget/policy framework. However:

- It is unacceptable that the Council is proposing a fundamental change in leaseholder charging without a full consultation of all leaseholders.
- The Council's consultation to date has not fully explained to leaseholder groups the nature of the proposals.
- The changes to the payment options will result in leaseholders being worse off than under the current system.
- The report focuses solely on the advantageous financial implications to the Council – 15.9 shows "The main advantages that these changes will bring are: (i) Maximising cash flow...Discount for payment in full will help reduce the Council's borrowing costs.."
- A leaseholder should not be required to pay for work before it has been completed – the report gives no detail to the remit of the leaseholder if work is not carried out to a satisfactory level.
- Making such a significant change at a time when charges to leaseholders will change significantly due to the Decent Homes project is not appropriate.


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

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should exercise its scrutiny powers to refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration of the following:





- To fully consult all leaseholders on the proposals.
- Following consultation – to re-examine payment options to reflect

leaseholders' views and to provide leaseholders with clear financial benefits.

**Signed:**

Councillor: .....  ..... (Please print name): ..... RICHARD WILSON

**Countersigned:**

1. Councillor: .....  ..... (Please print name): ..... R.S.A. SORRIE
2. Councillor: .....  ..... (Please print name): ..... MONICA WHYTE
3. Councillor: .....  ..... (Please print name): ..... LYN WEBER
4. Councillor: .....  ..... (Please print name): ..... SUSAN OATWAY

**Date Submitted:**

**Date Received :**

(to be completed by the Non Cabinet Committees Manager)

**Notes:**

1. Please send this form to:  
Clifford Hart (on behalf of the Proper Officer)  
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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.