
**CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
ST MARGARET'S JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT
FUNDING AND LEICESTER RAILWAY STATION -
FUNDING SUPPORT FROM DEPARTMENT FOR
TRANSPORT**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT, AND
CLIMATE EMERGENCY SCRUTINY COMMISSION –
6 August 2026
COUNCIL – TBA

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Useful information

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1. Summary

Two Executive decisions taken by the City Mayor on 22 July 2026 relating to major transport infrastructure funding has been the subject of a 5-member call-in under the procedures at Rule 12 of Part 4D, City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rules, of the Council's Constitution.

The procedure rules state that a scrutiny committee or any five councillors may request formally that the decision be called-in for a further review by giving notice in writing to the Monitoring Officer within five working days of the decision.

The 5 Councillors who signed the call in were: Councillor Porter (Proposer), Councillor Kitterick (Seconder), Councillor Kennedy-Lount, Councillor Osman, and Councillor Rae Bhatia

2. Recommended actions/decision

The Committee is recommended to either:

- a) Note the report without further comment or recommendation. *(If the report is noted the process continues and the call in will be considered at a future meeting of Full Council);* or
- b) Comment on the specific issues raised by the call-in. *(If comments are made the process continues and the comments and call in will be considered at a future meeting of Full Council);* or
- c) Resolve that the call-in be withdrawn *(If the committee wish for there to be no further action on the call-in, then they must actively withdraw it. If withdrawal is agreed the call-in process stops, the call-in will not be considered at a future meeting of Full Council and the original decision takes immediate affect without amendment).*

Council is recommended to either:

- a) Support the City Mayor's decisions, and thus confirming the decisions with immediate effect; or
- b) Recommend different decisions to the City Mayor. (The original decisions will still stand, unless the City Mayor takes a further decision to amend the originals.)

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

N/A

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

The Executive Decision Reports, and Decision Notices are attached as appendices.

5. Detailed report

The call-in submitted to the Monitoring Officer was in the following terms:

“We the undersigned wish to Call-in the Executive Decision for the Leicester Railway Station and St Margarets Junction Improvement Funding Decision.

Leicester’s taxpayers deserve full transparency from the Labour council regarding the rising costs of the railway station redevelopment to over £32 million and the proposed diversion of nearly £10 million away from vital junction improvement at St Margaret’s Way

Major public concerns.

i) The council must explain why the St Margaret's Way junction suddenly needs £10 million less than it did two years ago?

ii) Clarification is needed from the council as to why the original station scheme failed to attract any contractors, also how future procurement and bidding will be safeguarded against further rising costs and or delays?

iii) Before committing over £32 million to this proposed project, the council must publish crystal-clear evidence demonstrating that this proposed project is financially viable, delivers good value for money and has distinct benefits for the residents of Leicester.”

The Monitoring Officer has confirmed that the call-in satisfies the requirements of the procedure rules and it has, therefore, proceeded as per the process set out at Rule 12 of Part 4D, City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rules of the Council’s Constitution.

Where a call-in has been made, officers are to take no further legally binding action, unless the circumstances of Rule 12 (f) are fulfilled, and the matter shall be referred to a meeting of the full Council. Prior to this it shall be referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committee if one is programmed or a special scrutiny committee if one is convened.

The call-in may however be withdrawn if:

The relevant scrutiny committee/commission makes a resolution to withdraw; or

The sponsor and seconder of the call-in inform the Monitoring Officer that they wish the call-in to be withdrawn.

Following consideration of a call-in by Full Council, the original decision will be deemed to be revived in its entirety. Any agreement by the decision maker to change the original decision will require a further formal Executive Decision.

6. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

6.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from the call-in beyond those in the decision report.

Signed: Stuart McAvoy, Head of Finance
Dated : 28 July 2026

6.2 Legal implications

The legal implications arising from the call-in are explained in sections 2 and 5 above

Signed: Kevin Carter, Head of Law (Commercial Property & Planning)
Dated: 28 July 2026

6.3 Equalities implications

There are no comments in addition to those in the decision report.

Signed: Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer
Dated: 28 July 2026

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are no further climate emergency implications to those provided in the decision report.

Signed: Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer
Dated: 28 July 2026

6.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

None

7. Background information and other papers:

None

8. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A Executive Decision Report - St Margaret's Junction Improvement Funding – dated 22 July 2026

Appendix B Decision Notice – St Margaret's Junction Improvement Funding – dated 22 July 2026

Appendix C - Executive Decision Report - Leicester Railway Station - Funding support from Department for Transport– dated 22 July 2026

Appendix D - Decision Notice - Leicester Railway Station - Funding support from Department for Transport– dated 22 July 2026

9. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No