
CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
Capital Budget Monitoring April – September 2024/25

COUNCIL – 16 January 2025

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Useful information

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1. Summary

An Executive decision taken by the City Mayor on 02 January 2025 relating to Capital budget Monitoring has been the subject of a 8-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 eight Councillors who signed the call in were: Councillor Kitterick (Proposer), Councillor Rae Bhatia (Seconder), Councillor Osman, Councillor Porter, Councillor Sahu, Councillor Adatia, Councillor Kennedy-Lount, and Councillor Gregg

2. Recommended actions/decision

Council is recommended to either:

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

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

Overview Select Committee 12 December 2024

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

The Executive Decision Report and Decision Notice are attached at Appendix A and Appendix B.

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 below as it constitutes £3,553,000 of spending largely covering up Capital Project overspends with no wider discussion of the best use of these funds at a time when the council is under severe financial pressure. We the undersigned also wish to call a Special Council Meeting to discuss this matter, and we are happy to indicate to the Lord Mayor that this request will be satisfied by a discussion at the Full Council Meeting on 16 January 2025.”

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 direct financial implications arising from the call-in in addition to those in the decision report.

Amy Oliver, Director of Finance

9 January 2025

6.2 Legal implications

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

Kamal Adatia, Monitoring Officer,

13 January 2025

6.3 Equalities implications

There are no direct equality implications arising from the call – in in addition to those in the decision report.

Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer

13 January 2025

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

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

Duncan Bell, Change Manager (Climate Emergency)

13 January 2025

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 – Capital Budget Monitoring April – September 2024/25 dated 02 January 2025

Appendix B Decision Notice - Capital Budget Monitoring April – September 2024/25 dated 02 January 2025

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