
CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
LGSCO Report of Maladministration causing injustice
(Housing) – Ms X

Housing Scrutiny Commission – 12 June 2025
COUNCIL – 3 July 2025

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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- Report version number: V1

1. Summary

An Executive decision taken by the Deputy City Mayor for Housing, Economy, and Neighbourhoods on 22 May 2025 relating to the response to recommendations of an LGSCO Maladministration report has been the subject of a 6-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 6 Councillors who signed the call in were: Councillor Kitterick (Proposer), Councillor Porter (Seconder), Councillor Sahu, Councillor Haq, Councillor Rae Bhatia, and Councillor Kennedy-Lount.

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- c) Resolve that the call-in be withdrawn *(If the committee wish for there to be no further action on the call-in, then they must actively withdraw it.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 Deputy City Mayor's decision, and thus confirming the decision with immediate effect; or
- b) Recommend a different decision to the Deputy City Mayor. (The original decision will still stand, unless the City Mayor takes a further decision to amend the original.)

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

N/A

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

The Executive Decision Report, and Decision Notice 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 to Full Council the decision of the Deputy City Mayor of Housing to reject two of the LGSCO recommendations on the failure of the City Council's Housing department in relation to the matter of Ms X. We believe a call in is necessary for the following reasons. Prior to the establishment of the City Mayor system it was established practice that such reports that were critical in this way would come to Full Council for consideration and discussion. That it will give an opportunity to all councillors to discuss the standard of accommodation the city council provides for its citizens and the general performance of the City Council and Deputy City Mayor in this regard. That failure to do this will send a signal that the City Mayor, Deputy City Mayor, Councillors and the Council do not take the criticism by the LGSCO seriously and is seeking to diminish this matter and give it as little public scrutiny as possible.'

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 : 4 June 2025

6.2 Legal implications

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

Signed: Kamal Adatia, Monitoring Officer

Dated: 4 June 2025

6.3 Equalities implications

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

Signed: Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer

Dated: 4 June 2025

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

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

Signed: Duncan Bell, Change Manager (Climate Emergency)

Dated: 4 June 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 – LGSCO Report of Maladministration causing injustice (Housing) - Ms X dated 22 May 2025

Appendix B Report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman dated 7 October 2024

Appendix C Decision Notice - LGSCO Report of Maladministration causing injustice (Housing) - Ms X dated 22 May 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