
CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
LGSCO Maladministration Report - Mr X

OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE – 2 February 2026
COUNCIL – TBA

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Useful information

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1. Summary

An Executive decision taken by the Deputy City Mayor for Housing on 9 January 2026 relating to a LGSCO Maladministration report 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 Rae Bhatia (Seconder), Councillor Kitterick, Councillor Sahu, 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- c) Resolve that the call-in be withdrawn *(If the committee wish for there to be no further action on the call-in, then they must actively withdraw it.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 Deputy 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 are requesting a 'Call In' of this decision because it shows a deep inconsistency in how the Labour council deals with public money and accountability. The independent Ombudsman has found that the council breached its legal duties and caused an injustice to a homeless family. The Ombudsman has recommended that the council pays a modest amount of compensation to Mr X for the harm it caused. However the council is refusing to pay, claiming that compensation would be unfair to the taxpayers of Leicester.

However the council's argument is extremely difficult to accept when the very same council was willing to pay £10 million to X Ltd in a secret (behind closed doors) deal. A secret deal which did not receive any public or councillor scrutiny. The council can't have it both ways; it can't in all seriousness say that a small amount of compensation to a local resident who suffered unlawful treatment is unacceptable, but £10 million in a secret deal to a business is absolutely fine. It just doesn't add up or stand up to scrutiny.

It also creates a very troubling message: in that the Labour council is prepared to protect itself from embarrassment, but it's not prepared to accept responsibility and be accountable when it's found at fault by the Ombudsman. The 'Call-In' is therefore necessary to allow the full council to examine why financial caution is being used only when the council is asked to compensate a local resident and not when it suits the administration to make a £10 million payment to a private company. This is about transparency, accountability and treating residents with the same seriousness as a commercial business."

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 : 23 January 2026

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: 21 January 2026

6.3 Equalities implications

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

Signed: Sukhi Biring, Equalities Officer

Dated: 22 January 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: 23 January 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 – LGSCO Maladministration Report – Mr X dated 9 January 2026

Appendix B Decision Notice – LGSCO Maladministration Report – Mr X dated 9 January 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