
CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
Future Provision of Libraries and Community Centres

COUNCIL – 26 March 2026

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Useful information

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1. Summary

An Executive decision taken by the Assistant City Mayor for Health, Culture, Libraries, and Community Centres on 11 March 2026 relating to changes to the Libraries and Community Centres Service 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 Kitterick (Mover), Councillor Porter (Seconder), Councillor Sahu, Councillor Rae Bhatia, Councillor Bora

2. Recommended actions/decision

Council is recommended to either:

- a) Support the Assistant City Mayor's decision, and thus confirming the decision with immediate effect; or
- b) Recommend a different decision to the Assistant City Mayor. (The original decision will still stand, unless the Assistant 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" the Executive Decision for the Future Provision of Libraries and Community Centres.

We have concerns about the recommendations in the report including the following

The loss of the St Matthews and Fosse Neighbourhood Centres.

The possible loss of the Gilmorton Community Rooms

The reduction in hours for Evington and Knighton Libraries.

The proposed changes to the running of the Tudor Centre

The very steep increase in charges and income targets that could affect the affordability of using our centres.

The reduction on the Book Fund.

The council has the resources to avoid these cuts and should use it's reserves to do so and we, therefore, ask the Executive to reconsider their decision.."

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 : 18 March 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: 18 March 2026

6.3 Equalities implications

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

Signed: Sukhi Biring, Equalities Officer
Dated: 18 March 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: 18 March 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 – Future Provision of Libraries and Community Centres dated 11 March 2026

Appendix B Decision Notice – Future Provision of Libraries and Community Centres dated 11 March 2026

Appendices for the Executive Decision can be found on the decision page: [Decision - Future Provision of Libraries and Community Centres | Leicester City Council](#)

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