

Title of meeting:	Scrutiny Management Panel
Date of meeting:	27 September 2022
Subject:	Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development on 26 July 2022 in respect of item 4 on that agenda "Options for increasing Planning Committee Capacity."- Call-in
Report by:	City Solicitor
Wards affected:	All
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	No

1. Purpose of report.

- 1.1 To request the Panel to review the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development on 26 July 2022 in respect of item 4 on that agenda 'Options for increasing Planning Committee Capacity'.
- 1.2 A copy of the Decision Notice for the meeting is attached as Appendix 3 to this report.

2. Call In and alternative decision making.

- 2.1 These decisions have been called-in in accordance with Part 3 of the Constitution of the Council. Whilst called-in for two reasons, the City Solicitor has deemed only one of these reasons as valid, namely:
- (i) Believe the decision may have been taken without adequate information.
- 2.2 The call-in requisition form and further details for the reason for the call-in are attached at Appendices 1 and 2.

3. Recommendations.

The Scrutiny Management Panel is requested to consider the evidence and decide whether to resolve: either

- (1) that no action should be taken in respect of the decision made by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development on 26 July 2022. The decision will then be effective immediately; or

(2) that it should be referred back to the decision maker (or as a constitutional matter the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee) for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns that are to be addressed in conjunction with the original matter.

4. Background

- 4.1. Please see attached report and decision record which provide the background to the decision made on 26 July 2022 (Appendices 3 and 4).
- 4.2. Please see attached Procedure Note (Appendix 5).
- 4.3. Pending the outcome of the call-in process, the decision has not been implemented.

5. Reasons for recommendations

To ensure that the Scrutiny Management Panel is satisfied that the decision maker made the decision based upon accurate and adequate information.

6. Integrated impact assessment

The contents of this report do not have any relevant equalities and environmental impact and therefore an Integrated Impact assessment is not required.

7. Legal implications

There are none - the process is set out in the Procedure Note- Appendix 5.

8. Director of Finance's comments

There are no direct financial implications arising directly from the recommendations contained in this report.

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Signed by: Peter Baulf, City Solicitor

Appendices:**Appendix 1** - Call in Request (redacted)**Appendix 2** - Supporting information submitted in respect of the Call in**Appendix 3** - Decision Notice for 26 July 2022 Planning Policy & City Development meeting**Appendix 4** - 'Options for increasing Planning Committee capacity' report considered by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development on 26 July 2022**Appendix 5** - Call in procedure guidance**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
N/A	