

CALL IN REQUEST – Option (a)

A Call In request may be made by:

Any five non-executive Members of council

Date of decision publication: ... 24th June 2016

Delegated decision ref:or

Executive Board Minute no: ... 15.....

Decision description: ... Community Hubs – Phase 2 Business Case

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Discussion with Decision Maker:
Prior to submitting a Call In, a nominated signatory must first contact the relevant officer or Executive Member to discuss their concerns and their reasons for wanting to call in the decision. Part of this discussion must include the Member ascertaining the financial implications of requesting a Call In.

Please identify contact and provide detail.

Director/author of delegated decision report.

Executive Board Member

Detail of discussion (to include financial implications)

Cllr Townsley, Cllr Golton and James Rogers met to discuss the decision on Monday 27th June.

The discussion focussed around the lack of consultation there had been on the proposals, both with members for some of the affected areas but particularly with service users of the buildings in question.

The impact of the wider community asset management policy and whether it is appropriate that the funds raised by selling assets in outer towns and districts should be spent in other areas was also discussed as well as the incompatibility of the proposal for Horsforth Area Housing Office with the local area planning priorities.

James Rogers confirmed that requesting the call-in would have no financial impact on his service.

Reasons for Call In:

All requests for Call In must detail why, in the opinion of the signatories, the decision was not taken in accordance with the principles set out in Article 13 of the Council constitution (decision making) (principles of decision making) or where relevant issues do not appear to be taken into consideration. *Please tick the relevant box(es) and give an explanation.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Proportionality (ie the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respect for human rights
<input type="checkbox"/>	A presumption in favour of openness
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarity of aims and desired outcomes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An explanation of the options considered and details of the reasons for the decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Positive promotion of equal opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural justice

Explanation

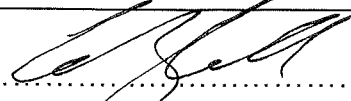
There has been a complete failure to consult with service users around the proposed closure of Horsforth Area Housing Office. The paper misrepresents the level of discussion that has taken place with Horsforth Historical Society. No discussion had taken place with the museum about the specific proposal to close the building at the time the paper was published. The only discussion with the historical society to have taken place was arranged after the publication of the report and at the instigation of ward members.

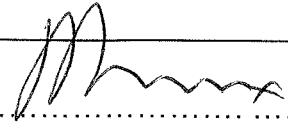
The lack of consultation means that serious issues, such as the Historical Society's lease on the building until 2029, have not been considered. This lease was drawn up following a Heritage Lottery funded refurbishment of community space at the site. It is not at all clear what the implications are of prematurely removing from its intended a heritage lottery funded asset, but this is precisely the sort of issue that should have been resolved by consultation.

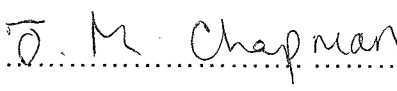
The report fails to address the wider issues of the selling off of assets in outer towns and districts and the proceeds diverted to other areas and the lack of any community facilities at all in some areas.

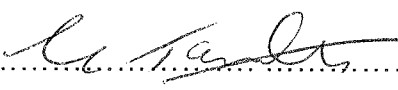
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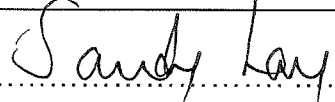
The following signatories request that the above decision be called in:

1) Signature.....
Print name..... Colin Campbell

2) Signature.....
Print name..... JONATHAN BENTLEY

3) Signature.....
Print name..... JUDITH M. CHAPMAN

4) Signature.....
Print name..... CHRISTOPHER TOWNSLEY

5) Signature.....
Print name..... SANDY LAY

This form should be submitted to the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development (Scrutiny Support Unit, 1st Floor West, Civic Hall) by **5.00pm on the fifth working day after the decision publication date**. The office is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

(For further information on the Call In procedure please refer to the Scrutiny Support Unit intranet site, or contact the Unit on 39 51151).

Leeds City Council Scrutiny Support Unit

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Received on behalf of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development by:

..... *ABrookden*(signature)

Date: *28.6.16* Time: *8:45* SSU ref: *2016/17/15/67*

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Exemption status checked:

Call In authorised: Yes / No

Date checked:

Signed: *ABrookden*

Signatures checked:

Date: *28.6.16*

Receipts given:

Validity re article 13

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