

CALL IN REQUEST – Option (b)

A Call In request may be made by:

Two non-executive Members of council if they are not from the same political group¹

Date of decision publication: 27th June 2012.....

Delegated decision ref: D39175.....or

Executive Board Minute no:or

Area Committee Name and decision ref:

Decision description: Proposed Scheme to Permit Hackney Carriage use of Bus Lanes - Capital Scheme Number 16532-000-000.....

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.

- ☒ Author of delegated decision report. (contacted by phone on 28/06/12 pm)
☐ Executive Board Member

Detail of discussion (to include financial implications)

THE AUTHOR OF THE REPORT SAID THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AS A RESULT OF A CALL-IN. THERE IS NO
CRITICAL TIMESCALE FOR IMPLEMENTATION. I DISCUSSED WITH HIM
MY REASONS FOR CALL-IN, AND BELIEVE THEM TO STILL BE VALID.

¹ In the case of decisions made by Area Committees, a Member cannot count as one of the two/five signatures if they are a member of that Area Committee.

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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 checked="" 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

I have concerns about the process by which cyclist groups were consulted and believe that the report fails to address the concerns they have expressed. The proposals were presented to the Leeds Cycling Consultation Forum at a relatively late stage in the process and only in response to queries from Leeds Cycling Action Group (LCAG). LCAG have severe concerns about the implications of this policy, in particular that it will further deter cyclists from using Leeds roads, yet the report fails to substantially address them.

It is not clear why this decision is desirable for the council. The only beneficiaries appear to be hackney carriage drivers, whilst there are disadvantages to bus users, cyclists and private hire drivers. There is no justification for the prioritisation of the interests of this group of road users over the interests of these other groups. Furthermore, by conferring advantages to hackney carriages over cyclists and buses (i.e. inherently more sustainable modes of transport), this decision appears to stand in opposition to the council's stated environmental policy 4 "*Reduce the impact of transport and travel and promote sustainable alternatives.*" It is not clear why it has been judged desirable to discard council policy in the consideration of this decision.

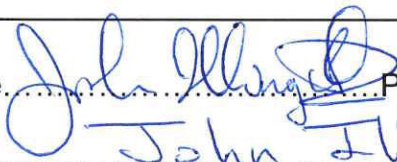
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There is a further lack of clarity around paragraph 4.6.3, which briefly acknowledges the concerns of cyclists around additional traffic and proposes measures to mitigate these. Yet no explanation is given of possible options for these measures, or when they will be introduced.

The report in general fails to provide details of whether any options were considered other than the recommendations in paragraph 6.1

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

1) Signature.......... Political group Liberal Democrat
Print name Ryk Downes Cllr Ryk Downes

2) Signature.......... Political group Labour
Print name.....John Illingworth.....

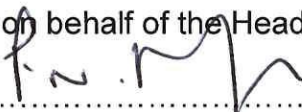
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This form should be submitted to the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development (Scrutiny Support Unit, 1st Floor West, Civic Hall) by **5.00pm on the fifth working day after the decision publication date**. The office is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

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

For office use only: (box A)

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

.....(signature)

Date: 2nd July 2012 Time: 10:10am SSU ref: 2012-13 D39175-58

For office use only: (box B)

Exemption status checked: ☒

Date checked: ☒

Signatures checked: ☒

Receipts given: ☐

Validity re article 13 ☒

Call In authorised: Yes/ No

Signed: 

Date: 2/7/12

Receipt details: