

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, S Bentley,
B Gettings, S Golton, T Hanley, W Hyde,
E Minkin and R Pryke

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Harrison

24 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

25 Call - In of a Decision - Briefing Paper

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report regarding the procedural aspects of the Call-In process.

The options available to OSC in respect of this particular called-in decision were:

Option 1- Release the decision for implementation. Having reviewed the decision, OSC could decide simply to release it for implementation. If this option was chosen, the decision would be released for immediate implementation, and the decision could not be called-in again.

Option 2- Recommend that the decision be reconsidered. Having reviewed the decision, OSC could recommend that the decision be reconsidered, in this instance by the Director of City Services. The officer was obliged to reconsider his earlier decision, and publish his ultimate decision again. This time, the decision could not be called-in again, regardless of whether or not it varied from the original decision.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted, and the procedures outlined in the report be adopted for this meeting.

(NB. Councillor Golton joined the meeting at 10.05 am during the consideration of this item)

26 Review of Called-In Decision - Review of Parking Facilities Including Adjustments to Prices

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report, together with relevant background papers, regarding the delegated decision of the Director of City Services, dated 2nd August 2007, relating to a review of

parking facilities operated by the Council and proposed increases in charges for both on-street and off-street car parking w.e.f. 1st October 2007.

The following officers attended the meeting, presented evidence and responded to Members' queries and comments:-

John Kearsley, Chief Support and Facilities Officer, City Services
Mark Jefford, Parking Manager, City Services.

27 Outcome of Call-In

Following receipt and consideration of evidence presented to them, and the options available to them (see Minute No. 25), the Committee resolved as follows:

RESOLVED (by 5 votes for to 3 against, with 1 abstention) – That Option 1 be agreed, and the decision of the Director of City Services be released for immediate implementation*

(*NB: The proposed implementation date for the new charges is 1st October 2007)