CALL IN REQUEST		
Date of decision publication: 21/09/2018		
Executive Board Minute no: 67		
Delegated decision ref: N/Aor		
Decision description: Executive Board decision to approve the permanent expansion of Moor Allerton Hall Primary School, subject to feasibility and planning permission.		
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): Discussion was held between Cllr Dan Cohen and Cllr Jonathan Pryor (Executive Board Member for Learning, Skills & Employment) on Wednesday 26 September 2018 in which financial implications were discussed.		
The main consequences were the potential for a delay to the scheme which in turn could have estimated costs linked to classroom hire and other associated matters. We believe these costs to be overstated and that the call in procedure should be factored into the decision making process in any event.		
The Executive Board Member asked for a delay in the submission of the call in documentation so that members of the Conservative Group could give the matter full consideration before deciding to go ahead – this was agreed to. Following this it was decided to go ahead with the call in.		

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.

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

Explanation: The principle concern is that the permanent expansion of Moor Allerton Hall Primary School has been approved despite the opposition of the independent School Organisation Advisory Board (SOAB) and against the wishes of the majority of consultation responders. The SOAB rejection recommendation was made on the following grounds:

- The school was continually undersubscribed and required improvement;
- Expansion would put strain on the school leadership team;
- · Parent preference is not addressed by this proposal;
- Numerous highways issues raised.

It is also the case that the response to the consultation was low. Given this background and the serious concerns raised by SOAB is the Executive Board decision justified and has it taken on board both the findings of the consultation and the advice of this independent Board?

The school is located in the so called school places 'black hole' so there is a clear need for additional primary provision in this part of North Leeds. However, given the school's improvement journey is this the most appropriate location for these additional places? The Council's desired outcomes are presumably to deliver expanded provision in this part of Leeds but part of that desired outcome, we assume, would also be to provide good quality provision given the stated ambition of Leeds being the 'Best City for Learning'. Whilst we are supportive of the school on its improvement journey, and back the staff and governing body, we are far from sure if this expansion will help the school improve its standards, indeed the disruption caused by the expansion may well be a significant obstacle. Therefore are the aims of this clear and consistent and will the desired outcomes contribute towards the 'Best City for Learning' ambition?

On proportionality this scheme will cost £4.2m and once delivered it cannot be undone. As noted above the school is working hard to improve, is the Council confident that will happen and certain that this expansion will not get in the way of improvement? If not is the use of these financial resources proportionate?

2 non-executive Members of council if they are not from the same political group.

This Call In request should be submitted to Scrutiny Support, 1st Floor West, Civic Hall by 5.00pm by no later than the fifth working day after the decision publication date. The following signatories (original signatures only) request that the above decision be called in.

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