

Call In: Little Owls Nurseries Review

Date: 9 July 2024

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

This report presents the background to a decision, which has been Called In in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Recommendations

- a) The Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) is asked receive and consider the call in form submitted with Cllr Stephenson as the lead signatory, along with the associated Executive Board report relating to the Little Owls Nurseries Review.

What is this report about?

- 1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, an Executive Board decision has been Called In. The decision was made by the [Executive Board meeting on 19 June 2024](#) and relates to Minute 7 [Little Owls Nurseries Review](#).
- 2 Leeds City Council's Call-In processes are set out within part 4 (Rules of Procedure) of the Council's constitution. Section 4B relates to [Executive Decision-Making Procedures](#) with call-in procedures detailed in paragraphs 8.1 to 8.2.7.
- 3 On this occasion two call in requests have been received in relation to the same decision and both will therefore be considered by the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families). The Call In submitted with Cllr Stephenson as the lead signatory was receipted first and is therefore considered first on the agenda.
- 4 Agenda item 10 features the Outcome of the Call In report where the Board will be asked to either release the decision for implementation or recommend to the decision maker that the decision should be re-considered.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 5 The Call-In process provides the facility for the Scrutiny Board to require a decision taker to reconsider a decision within a specified timeframe.

- 6 The Scrutiny Board is advised that the Call In is specific to the relevant report considered by the Executive Board and issues outside of this decision, including other related decisions, may not be considered as part of the Board's decision regarding the outcome of the Call In.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 7 Prior to submitting a Call In, a nominated signatory must first contact the relevant officer and/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. The detail of this discussion is referenced on the Call-In Request Form at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 8 Appropriate Members and officers have been invited to attend the meeting to explain the decision and respond to questions from members of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families).

What are the resource implications?

- 9 The appended report to the Executive Board references any significant resource and financial implications linked to the decision.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 10 The appended report to the Executive Board references any risk management issues linked to the decision.

What are the legal implications?

- 11 The appended report to the Executive Board references any legal implications linked to the decision.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 12 A Call-In is progressed in line with the procedures set out in the Council Constitution.

How will success be measured?

- 13 A Call-In is progressed in line with the procedures set out in the Council Constitution.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 14 Where a decision is released, a call-in release form is sent to the relevant director to confirm that the decision can be implemented.
- 15 Where a decision is referred for reconsideration the Scrutiny Officer is required to prepare a report within three working days of the Scrutiny Board meeting, which will be submitted to the Executive Board, Health and Well-Being Board or senior Officer as appropriate.
- 16 In the case of the Executive Board or Health and Well-Being Board the report will then be taken to the next public meeting. This will be considered alongside the original decision – with that

decision either re-confirmed or a new decision taken. The outcome of that process – be it a re-confirmation or a new decision – cannot be subject to future call-in.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Call In Form submitted with Cllr Stephenson as lead signatory
- Appendix 2 - Report of the Director of Children and Families and related Appendices of presented to Executive Board at its meeting on 19 June 2024.
- Appendix 3 - Extract from the draft minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on 19 June.

Background papers

- None