

Leeds City Council Scrutiny Support

CALL IN REQUEST

Date of officer key decision/Executive Board minute publication: 24th July 2024

Delegated decision ref: N/A

Executive Board Minute no: 21(a) - Executive Board Meeting 24th July 2024

Decision description:

Adult and Health – In House Care Homes Service Review: Knowle Manor and Dolphin Manor: Post Consultation Recommendations Report

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.

Yes	Director/author of delegated decision report.
No	Executive Board Member

Detail of discussion (to include financial implications)

A meeting to discuss this proposal was held on 26th June at 8.30am. The attendees for the meeting included Cllr Salma Arif (Executive Board Member) Cllr James Lewis (Leader of Council) Shona McFarlane (Officer within Adult Social Care) and Cllrs Senior, Newton, Brown and Finnigan MBI Councillors for Morley. The discussion centres on an alternative plan proposed by the MBI Group during the Consultation Process to allow present residents to remain at Knowle Manor as long as they wished without any new residents being admitted, with the future of Knowle Manor to be transformed into a rehabilitation and enabling service provider to reduce NHS bed blocking. The financial reasons behind the decision were discussed as were General Election Manifestos and other Social Care issues. The Call in request was also discussed with the Director of Adults and Health on Wednesday 31st July 2024 by phone where the reasons behind the decision along with the financial implications if the decision was not implemented were fully discussed. I am grateful to Caroline Baria for her helpful comments.

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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 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

The proposed alternative from the MBI group raised at the Consultation Stage was not fully explored or costed to see if it was a viable and financially sustainable alternative. Such analysis should have included the costs of bed blocking to both the Council and the NHS and the need for broader rehabilitation services to allow patients to return home more quickly and in a sustainable way, reducing the need to return to hospital shortly after discharge because such rehabilitation options were unavailable. Adult Social Care should also have explored the Incoming Governments proposals for Adult Social Care and their manifesto pledge for the provision of Adult Social Care Centres. The decision should have been delayed while exploring these alternative options and the possibilities under the new Government proposals to retain the building as a Social Care Centre.

We are formally requesting that the element of the decision relating to the proposed closure of Knowle Manor is reconsidered.

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A Call-In request may be made by a **minimum** of:


5 non-executive Members of council from the **same political group**;

or;

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.

Nominated Signatory	
Print name Councillor Cllr Robert Finnigan	
Political Group	

Signature	
Print name Councillor Cllr Ryan Stephenson	
Political Group	
Conservative Group	

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Political Group	

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For office use only: (box A)

Received on behalf of the Head of Democratic Services by:

Angela Brogden (signature)

Date: 31st July 2024 Time: 4.25 pm SSU ref: 2024/25 - 82

For office use only: (box B)

Exemption status checked:

Call In authorised: Yes

Date checked:

Signed: Angela Brogden

Signatures checked:

Date: 31st July 2024

Receipts given:

Validity re article 13