

## Scrutiny Call-in Request: Wincanton Regeneration budget - Change of Scope

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Executive Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Sarah Dyke, Wincanton Regeneration
Ward Member(s)	Cllrs Colin Winder and Nick Colbert
Strategic Director:	Jan Gamon, Place and Recovery / Peter Paddon, Acting Director of Place and Recovery
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### Background

1. Part 4.33 of the Constitution sets out the **Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules**, including the power to "call in" decision items considered by the District Executive, Area Committee or Portfolio Holders.
2. There are two types of call in:

**(a) "Call In" Before the Decision is Implemented**

Decisions made by the District Executive, individual Portfolio Holders and the Area Committees may be "called in" before they are implemented. A list of decisions taken will be published 48 hours after a meeting and may be requisitioned for "call in" and review within 5 working days from the date of publication. Unless the decision is urgent it will not be implemented until after the period allowed for call in.

The "called in" item will be reported to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee and an Executive or Area Committee member has the right to attend and make representations. If the Scrutiny Committee is unhappy with the called in decision it can ask the Executive or Area Committee to re-consider the item or for it to be considered by full Council.

**(b) "Call In" After the Decision is Implemented**

All decisions taken by the Executive, Area Committees or officers under delegated authority which have been implemented may be "called in" at any time by the Scrutiny Committee to consider the implications of the decision. The Committee can make recommendations to the Executive or full Council on changes to policy or practice in the light of their findings in respect of a particular decision or its implementation. Whilst individual quasi-judicial decisions, such



as planning, cannot be re-considered the procedures and policies applied in each case may be looked at by the Committee.

3. In either case, a call in requires a written request to the Democratic Services Specialist from either the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, two other members of the Scrutiny Committee or by ten members of the Council. The request must give the reasons for the "call in", with the names of the members making the request.

Following a call-in request made by two members of the Scrutiny Committee, and on behalf of the Wincanton ward members, Scrutiny Committee will revisit agenda item 11 'Wincanton Regeneration Scheme: Change of Scope', which was approved at the meeting of the District Executive on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022. (Informal Consultative Meeting)

The concerns and views of the Scrutiny Committee and ward members will be reported to the responsible Portfolio Holder(s) and Officer(s) and if Scrutiny Members agree, the item will return to the District Executive for reconsideration on 4th August 2022.

#### **The Call In Request ("Call In" Before the Decision is Implemented)**

<b>Date</b>	<i>15 July 2022</i>
<b>Made by</b>	<i>Cllrs Sue Osborne and Robin Bastable</i>
<b>Decision of</b>	<i>District Executive on 07 July 2022</i>
<b>Decision date</b>	<i>15 July 2022</i>
<b>Decision details</b>	<i>The Chief Executive agreed to:  a. Option 2 i. To allocate the full £260,000 requested from the capital contingency budget to the Wincanton Regeneration Scheme</i>
<b>Reasons for Call In Request</b>	<i>Neither of the Ward members have been consulted or kept informed of when decisions have been made. They have not been shown any detailed plans or specification for any works, consequently they feel what is proposed is a series of duplication of works that have already been carried out and works that are simply not needed or wanted.</i>

#### **Background papers:**

*Report to District Executive: Wincanton Regeneration budget - Change of Scope – July 2022*