

Scrutiny Call-in Request:

Millers Garage Car Park Project, Crewkerne - Request for Additional Funding from the Corporate Capital Contingency Budget

Executive Portfolio Holder:	Cllr John Clark, Economic Development
Ward Member(s):	Cllr Mike Best, Cllr Robin Pailthorpe, Cllr Ben Hodgson,
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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 the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee Cllr Gerard Tucker, Scrutiny Committee will revisit agenda item 0 'Millers Garage Car Park Additional funding from capital contingency budget request', which was approved at the meeting of the District Executive on 4th August 2022.

The concerns and views of the Scrutiny Committee and ward members will be reported to the responsible Portfolio Holder(s) and Officer(s) in advance of the item returning to the District Executive for reconsideration on 2nd September 2022.

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

Date	<i>9th August 2022</i>
Made by	<i>Cllr Gerard Tucker, Chairman of Scrutiny Committee</i>
Decision of	<i>District Executive</i>
Decision date	<i>4th August 2022</i>
Decision details	<p><i>a. noted the updated position with the Millers Garage Car Park project and the estimate of the project cost;</i></p> <p><i>b. noted the increase in the total budget for this project to £413,000;</i></p> <p><i>c. agreed to fund £203,000 from the Corporate Capital Contingency Fund towards the Millers Garage Car Park Project as an addition to the budget approved by Full Council in February 2022.</i></p>
Reasons for Call In Request	Concerns that the questions on value for money have remained unanswered and that possibly, there is a more effective way of delivering this scheme which will be of greater assistance to Crewkerne. If possible, the Chairman would welcome the suspension of the commencement of the car park project until such time as Scrutiny has had the opportunity to discuss this project in more detail, possibly including the neighbouring landowner and his agent Clive Brown (Boon Brown).

Background papers:

Millers Garage Car Park Project, East Street, Crewkerne - Request for Additional Funding from the Corporate Capital Contingency Budget - the report to District Executive on 4 August 2022 can viewed at:

<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/documents/s42833/8%20Millers%20capital%20contingency%20DX%20report%2004Aug22%20FINAL.pdf>