

**SCRUTINY CALL-IN COMMITTEE
23RD JUNE 2020**

PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor Rattray)
The Vice Chair (Councillor Draycott)
Councillors Baines, Brookes, Grimley, Miah,
Parsons and Ranson

Councillors Hamilton, Harper-Davies and Morgan

Chief Executive
Head of Strategic Support
Head of Leisure and Culture
Leisure Centre and Contract Business Manager
Information Development Manager
Democratic Services Manager
Democratic Services Officer (LS) and Democratic
Services Officer (NC)

APOLOGIES: None

The Chair stated that this virtual meeting would be livestreamed and the recording subsequently made available via the Council's website. She also advised that, under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

1. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

No disclosures were made.

2. DECLARATIONS - THE PARTY WHIP

No declarations were made.

3. EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED that members of the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Information Development Manager confirmed that the meeting was no longer being livestreamed or recorded via Zoom.

4. LEISURE CENTRE CONTRACT - CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION

The decision taken by the Cabinet on 4th June 2020 in respect of this matter had been called-in under Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.7 and required consideration by the Committee.

The Committee considered an exempt report of the Head of Strategic Support which included the report considered by the Cabinet, the minute outlining the Cabinet decision and reasons for it, the reasons for Call-in and the desired outcome, and the process for reviewing the decision as set out in Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.7. The exempt report of the Scrutiny Commission to the Cabinet on 4th June 2020 setting out its pre-decision scrutiny of the matter was also included for the Committee's information (item 5 on the agenda filed with these minutes). In introducing the item, the Head of Strategic Support suggested that the focus of this Committee's considerations should be the reasons for the Call-in, listed in the report.

In accordance with Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.7, Councillor Hamilton, as a signatory to the Call-in, addressed the Committee. Further to the reasons stated in the Call-in, he stated as detailed in the exempt minute (Scrutiny Call-in Committee Minute 4E. 2020/21).

Councillor Harper-Davies, Cabinet Lead Member for Performance of Major Contracts, together with Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council, had been invited to assist the Committee with its consideration of the matter. They were assisted by the Chief Executive, the Head of Leisure and Culture and the Leisure Centre and Contract Business Manager.

Councillor Harper-Davies gave responses to the reasons for the Call-in set out in the report, having confirmed with the Committee that it was happy for her to focus on those reasons and not on any further issues raised by Councillor Hamilton at this meeting. The responses are detailed in the exempt minute (Scrutiny Call-in Committee Minute 4E. 2020/21).

Further to the responses given by Councillor Harper-Davies, the Chief Executive, the Leader and the Leisure Centre and Contract Business Manager added as detailed in the exempt minute (Scrutiny Call-in Committee Minute 4E. 2020/21).

A summary of the ensuing general discussion by the Committee, including responses given to questions, is provided in the exempt minute (Scrutiny Call-in Committee Minute 4E. 2020/21).

All councillors and officers were thanked for their contributions to the various considerations of this matter, including signatories to the Call-in.

Councillor Brookes left the meeting at 7.03pm due to another appointment.

RESOLVED that the decision of the Cabinet be supported.

Reason

Having considered the decision and the reasons for it, the Committee was content that the decision was appropriate, noting that it would now be implemented immediately.

NOTES:

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2. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Call-in Committee.