

Call in Form

NB: Please note that urgent decisions are not subject to Call-in. (See paragraph 16 of O&S procedure rule 15)

<p>Decision/Minute Number: 215</p> <p>Cabinet: 28th October 2020</p>	<p>Deadline Date for Call-in:14/11/20</p>
<p>Reason for making the Call-in (*please continue on a separate sheet as appropriate)</p> <p>The creation of a local housing company within Swale will have financial implications for the council and wider taxpayer for years to come. Also consideration to the knock on costs to the council in terms of loss of parking facilities and income.</p> <p>Councillors have not had the opportunity to discuss this item at a council meeting nor ask relevant questions to better understand the basis on which cabinet agreed the decision. The discussion at cabinet where the creation of a LHC did not offer the opportunity for councillors to question on the detail of the proposal.</p> <p>Although some members received the blue paper in advance of the meeting with sufficient time to read the report it is apparent that a lot of members were not in receipt of the paper until the evening of the cabinet meeting or not at all. Furthermore the blue paper suggests that a business case could be made but what has been presented and agreed by cabinet is suggested as a business case.</p> <p>The item was on blue paper so may not have been seen by all councillors and a call in for members to ask any relevant questions should be agreed.</p> <p>There are questions relating to the LHC itself and members should be able to question to fulfil their needs of understanding what is being proposed ie directors allocated by the cabinet of the day and lifespan of the company.</p> <p>I think members should have the opportunity, on behalf of the residents of swale, to be able to question the Cabinet members and reassure themselves that the individual members are aware of and have considered the full implications of the decision.</p>	
<p>Please also tick the boxes as appropriate:</p>	
<p>Decision outside Policy and Budgetary Framework</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Inadequate consultation relating to the decision</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Viable alternative not considered</p>	

Relevant information not considered		
Justification for the decision open to challenge on the basis of the evidence considered		
The Alternative proposal is (*please continue on a separate sheet as appropriate). For the cabinet to reconsider the decision and potentially not create a LHC.		
Called-in by:		
Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee		yes
Vice-Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, in the absence of the Chairman		
Five non-Cabinet Members		
Name	Signature	Date
Checklist		Yes/No
Does the reason and alternative proposal cover any of the types of decisions (1-10) in the Constitution Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules?		*Specify which exemption
Is the call-in form completed correctly?		
Has the call in form been received within the specified time?		
The reason for the call in is unclear or does not relate to the decision specified on the call-in form		
The reason for the call in is a question the answer to which can be found in the report		
Is the request frivolous or defamatory?		

Authorisation	
Discussed with Policy and Performance Officer/ Democratic Services	
Monitoring Officer is justification for call-in valid?	
Please return hard copy to: Democratic Services, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT	For office use only Form received by: Date and time: