Call-in

- I. Where a decision is:
 - (i) a key decision,; or
 - (ii) is taken by the Executive itself; or
 - (iii) is taken under powers delegated by the Executive to individual Executive member(s); or
 - (iv) is taken under powers delegated by the Executive to a Committee or Sub-Committee; or

that decision shall be notified to all members of the Council as soon as possible after it is taken and shall be made available at the main offices of the Council.

- 2. The decision shall not be implemented for at least five clear working days after the notification is issued, unless the Leader (or, in their absence, the Deputy Leader or the Executive itself) with the support of the Chair of a Scrutiny Committee relevant to the issue decides that the matter is urgent, in which case the decision may be implemented immediately. In such a case all members of the Council shall be notified of the reasons for urgency.
- 3. The notice communicating the decision will bear the date on which it is published and will specify the date by which any objection to it must be lodged for it to be called in.
- 4. During that period, any four members of the Council will have the right to ask for the decision to be called-in for scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such a request must be made in writing and must state the reason the members believe call-in to be necessary. On receipt of such a request, submitted within the time limit allowed, the Chief Executive shall determine whether the reasons given for call-in are sufficient and if so they will call-in the decision, and notify the decision-taker of the call-in. The Chief Executive shall then either refer the call-in to the next available meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or call a meeting of the Committee on such date as the Chair of the Committee may determine. If when considering a request for call-in the Chief Executive does not consider the reasons given to be sufficient, they will notify the relevant members in writing setting out why the call-in request has not be accepted.
- 5. Pending that meeting, the decision shall stand deferred and shall not be implemented unless:
 - the Leader (or, in their absence, the Deputy Leader or the Executive itself) with the support of the Chair of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee relevant to the issue decides that the matter is urgent. In such a case all members of the Council shall be notified of the reasons for urgency; or
 - (ii) the member who requested the call-in agrees to withdraw that request.
- 6. In either of these circumstances the decision may be implemented as soon as the initial period for objections has lapsed.
- 7. If, having considered the decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is still concerned about it, it may refer it back to the decision making person or body for

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reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns, or refer the matter to full Council (see also paragraph 10 below). If referred to the decision maker they shall then reconsider it, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision. That final decision shall not be subject to any further call-in procedure.

- 8. If following an objection to the decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee does not refer the matter either to Council or back to the decision making person or body, the decision shall take effect on the date of the Overview and Scrutiny meeting.
- 9. If the matter was referred to full Council and the Council does not object to a decision which has been made, then no further action is necessary and the decision will be effective in accordance with the provision below.
- 10. However, if the Council does object, it has no locus to make decisions in respect of a Executive decision unless it is contrary to the policy framework, or contrary to or not wholly consistent with the budget. Unless that is the case, the Council will refer any decision to which it objects back to the decision making person or body, together with the Council's views on the decision. That decision making body or person shall choose whether to amend the decision or not before reaching a final decision and implementing it.
- 11. If the Council does not decide to refer the decision back to the decision making body or person, the decision shall take effect on the date of the Council meeting.
- 12. A recommendation from the Executive to the Council shall not be subject to the call-in provisions set out in these rules.
- 13. A decision-making person or body can only be required to reconsider any particular decision once.

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