

Call In Sub-Committee
(of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)



Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2024

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: The Council Chamber - City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR

Distribution:

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1. Membership and chairing arrangements

Explanatory note:

At its meeting held on 4 September 2023, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board agreed:

- a. that the Call-In Sub-Committee would be comprised of 7 non-executive members to be nominated by the party group whips (2 Green, 2 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Knowle Community Party).
- b. that the chairing of meetings of the Call-In Sub-Committee would rotate between the political groups. In line with this agreement, a Labour member (Councillor Ali) will chair this meeting of the sub-committee.

2. Welcome, introductions and safety information

3. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest from councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Any declaration of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

4. Public Forum

Explanatory notes:

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for public forum.

Members of the press and public who plan to attend a public meeting at City Hall are advised that you will be required to sign in when you arrive. Please note that you will be issued with a visitor pass which you will need to display at all times.

Any member of the public or councillor may participate in Public Forum. The detailed arrangements for so doing are set out in the Public Information Sheet at the back of this agenda. Public Forum items should be emailed to scrutiny@bristol.gov.uk and please note that the following deadlines will apply in relation to this meeting:

Questions - Written questions must be received at least 3 clear working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that your question(s) must be received in this office **at the latest by 5.00 pm on Thursday 21 March 2024**



Petitions and Statements - Petitions or written statements must be received at latest by 12.00 noon on the working day prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that petitions or statements must be received in this office **at the latest by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 26 March 2024**

In relation to this meeting of the Call-In Sub-Committee, members of the public are also asked please to note the following:

The purpose of the meeting is to consider a Call-in for scrutiny (submitted by Councillors Martin Fodor, Lorraine Francis, Tom Hathway, Christine Townsend and Tim Wye) of the Cabinet's 5 March decision on Allotment Rents and Water Charges.

This Cabinet decision has been called-in by these councillors because they believe they have evidence to suggest that the Cabinet did not take that decision in accordance with Article 14 (decision taking) of the Council's constitution.

Please note that this Call-In Sub-Committee meeting cannot itself alter the Cabinet's decision. That is ultimately a matter for Cabinet alone.

The function of the Call-In Sub-Committee at this meeting is to **review** the way in which the Cabinet reached its decision. After considering the matter, the sub-committee will come to **one** of the following 3 conclusions:

1. **To take no further action** (in which case the 5 March Cabinet decision stands at it is).
2. **To refer the matter back to the Cabinet** - with issues (to be detailed in the minute of the meeting) for the Cabinet to consider before taking a final decision.
3. **To refer the matter to Full Council for a wider debate** (note: Full Council may then decide either to take no further action, or to refer the matter back to Cabinet with specific recommendations for the Cabinet to consider prior to their final decision taking).

Members of the public are able to make public forum submissions at this meeting but **please bear in mind that the purpose of this meeting is to review the way in which the Cabinet reached its decision and to consider the issues as set out in the Call-In form.**

Please note: If the sub-committee decides to refer the decision back to the Cabinet with particular recommendations, or if the sub-committee refers the decision to Full Council for a wider debate by councillors, then either of these meetings could be a more appropriate forum for members of the public to make further public submissions.



5. Call-in of 5 March Cabinet decision on allotment rent and water charges

The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the call-in of the 5 March Cabinet decision on allotment rents and service charges.

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