

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY		
DATE OF DECISION:	20 JANUARY 2010		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF POLICY AND IMPROVEMENT		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

SUMMARY

This report provides the Council with a summary of the use of the Call-In procedure over the last 3 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Part 4 of the Constitution, which relates to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, requires the use of Call-in to be reported to Council on a quarterly basis.

CONSULTATION

2. This report is a regular item which summarises the use of and outcomes from the Call-in procedure during the previous three months.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None.

DETAIL

4. Paragraph 12.29 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules requires Full Council to receive a report every quarter on the use of the Call-in procedure.
5. One executive decision has been called-in since the previous quarterly update report to Full Council. The details of this Call-In and the outcomes resulting from the Call-In meeting are summarised in this report.

6. **CAB045 - 09/2009 : Proposal to establish a 6th form at Bitterne Park secondary school**

Reasons given for the call-in:

- Failure to adequately consult with key post 16 partners prior to this proposal being determined.
- Failure to demonstrate that the methodology for determining the demand for such new provision is of sufficient quality to support the spending of both substantial capital and revenue sums. This may lead to the facility being underutilised and thus offer poor value when other public services come under sustained revenue pressures.

Recommendations from the call-in meeting:

At its meeting on 8th October 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee considered the report of the Head of Policy and Improvement detailing the Call-in of a decision made by the Cabinet on 21st September 2009 relating to the proposal to establish a sixth form by Bitterne Park Secondary School. The Committee resolved:

- that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services convenes a meeting or series of meetings between Bitterne Park Secondary School and the City's two 6th Form Colleges with the aim of sharing information and developing a collaborative approach to the establishment of a sixth form at Bitterne Park Secondary school;
- that prior to the City Council becoming the statutory authority responsible for education up to the age of 18, a framework is established to facilitate communication between all relevant parties so that everybody can engage in any future proposals to establish a new sixth form as early as possible in this process.
- that consultation on any similar proposals in the future should go beyond the statutory minimum requirement and consider ways of genuinely engaging key stakeholders in this process.
- that any future items for determination by the Cabinet which cannot be re-considered should be flagged up in advance of the decision to members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

Subsequent decision of the Executive:

At its meeting 26th October 2009, the Cabinet considered the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee following the call-in of the decision to establish a sixth form at Bitterne Park Secondary School and made the following decision:

- That the Cabinet Member for Children's Services ensures that the 14-19 Consultative Group convenes with the aim of sharing information between Bitterne Park Secondary School and the City's two 6th Form Colleges in order to develop a collaborative approach to the establishment of a successful 6th Form at Bitterne Park Secondary School;
- That prior to the City Council becoming the statutory authority responsible for education up to the age of 18, a framework is established to facilitate communication between all relevant parties so that everybody can engage in any future proposals to establish a new

- 6th Form as early as possible in this process;
- That consultation on any similar proposals in the future would go beyond the statutory minimum requirement and consider ways of engaging key stakeholders in this process;
 - That any future items for determination by the Cabinet which cannot be reconsidered would be flagged up in advance of the decision to Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

8. None

Revenue

9. None

Property

10. None

Other

11. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Other Legal Implications:

13. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the
Access to Information
Procedure Rules / Schedule
12A allowing document to be
Exempt/Confidential (if
applicable)

	None	
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Background documents available for inspection at: Not Applicable

FORWARD PLAN No: Not Applicable **KEY DECISION?** No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly
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