

# Calling-In Form

**Please refer to the Overview and Scrutiny Rule 14 in the Council's Constitution for a full explanation of the call in process.**

Please give the name(s) of the member(s) wishing to call in the item. If the member calling in is the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny committee then only their name is required.

<b>Councillor</b> <b>Chris Mason</b> <b>(Chair of O&amp;S)</b>
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**Which item do you wish to call-in?**

Decision maker	Cabinet e.g. Cabinet/Cabinet Deputy/Officer under delegated powers	
Decision date	Item No	Title
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	5	Improvements to the Household Recycling Centre and changes to bring bank sites

**What is the reason for calling-in this item?**

Call-in can only be requested where members have evidence which suggests that the decision maker did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in article 13 (decision making) of the Constitution.

Please give as much detail as possible - continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

With regard to Article 13.2 (Principles of Decision Making) my reasons for requesting call in have regard to the following principles;

(d) the decision should be taken following due consultation and on the taking of professional advice from Officers;

(i) the options considered and the reasons for the decision shall be clearly set out

Recommendation 2 of the report recommends "Cabinet approve the retention of third party bring banks only and the removal of Cheltenham Borough Council provided bring banks on the following sites: Asda – Hatherley Lane, Everest Road, Church Piece – Charlton Kings and High Street Car Park as soon as possible".

The report states (para1.19) that "*following the results of the public consultation carried out 18 December 2018 – January 2019, which supported the removal of "some of the less well used recycling banks where residents can access the kerbside recycling service"* the bring bank site usage had been reviewed. The report goes on to say that "*whilst the public have not been specifically consulted on the 4 sites*

*identified within the report, two sites, Everest Road and the High Street car park opposite Matalan, have the lowest usage and the least number of bring banks at present as a result”.*

Whilst some of the reasons for closure of the identified sites are set out in the second para within section 1.19 of the report , eg, health and safety issues with regard to servicing the site, reduction in car parking spaces, the decision to close the 4 sites has not been taken following due consultation.

The wording within the report refers to “*some less well used recycling banks*” indicating that the number is greater than the 4 subject of recommendation 2. The criteria which defines less well used is not clear.

With regard to closure of the proposed sites the report includes no assessment of why customers of the sites proposed for closure feel it necessary to use them at the current time, eg, for example people using the site when the kerbside collectors do not take cardboard etc. Furthermore, an estimate of the potential consequential impact on the town’s carbon footprint arising from additional journeys to the Swindon Road depot as a result of the closure of the sites has not been assessed or considered in taking the decision.

The report recommends further public consultation with regard to the residual waste and garden waste at the household recycling centre. The risk assessment recognises the potential for an increase in fly tipping as a result of the recommendations made now however the mitigating actions are weak in that they are retrospective, ie, close monitoring incidences of fly tipping and giving advice to residents. Given the limited resources available for enforcement it could be concluded that additional staff will be required and this has not been considered in the financial appraisal supporting the recommendation to close the 4 bring banks. With regard to all of the above Overview and Scrutiny Committee would welcome making a positive contribution to the formulation of the consultation strategy and design of any subsequent questionnaire.

**Date/Time submitted:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 18:00 pm

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**The form must be received by 4 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> working day after the publication of the decision**

All Councillors named on this form will receive written notification of the date and time of the Calling-In Committee meeting to consider this issue and you will be able to set out your concerns in more detail for the Committee’s consideration.