Call in – Improvements to the Household Recycling Centre and changes to bring bank sites

This note contains information to assist Members in dealing with this call in request.

1. **Why has this come to scrutiny?**

1.1 A call-in request was received from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 June 2019 relating to the decision made at Cabinet on 11 June 2019 regarding improvements to the Household Recycling Centre and changes to bring bank sites. The request (attached as Appendix 1) was received within the call in period. The request was received by the Proper Officer, in accordance with the procedures set out in Part 4D – Overview and Scrutiny Rules – Rule 14 (attached as Appendix 2). The Proper Officer agreed that it was a valid call in request.

1.2 Under the rules of call-in, the request must be considered at a meeting of the O&S committee within 10 working days. After consultation with the chair of O&S and the Leader and Cabinet Member, a date of 1 July was agreed.

1.3 Having considered the facts of the call-in and having received any representations from the member who submitted the request and the decision maker, the options for O&S are set out in paragraphs 14.13 of the Rule 14 in the Constitution (attached as Appendix 2).

2. **Summary of the Issue**

2.1 Members are referred to the Cabinet report on the improvements to the Household Recycling Centre and changes to the bring bank sites which went to Cabinet on 11 June 2019 together with the draft minutes of that meeting. These are attached as Appendices 3 and 4.

2.2 Members are also referred to the call in request attached as Appendix 1.

3. **Summary of evidence/information**

3.1 The Chair will outline the reasons why he felt a call in was appropriate.

Members of O&S have requested the following witnesses to attend:

- Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment – Councillor Coleman
- Client Manager – Environmental services (interim) – Karen Watson

3.2 The witnesses will be advised of the potential line of questioning and this will be attached as Appendix 5 (to follow). These are intended to provide the broad line of questioning to assist the witnesses in their preparation but members may wish to ask
additional questions on the night.

4. **Next Steps**

4.1 The possible next steps for the committee are set out in detail in Appendix 2 of the Overview and Scrutiny rules 14.13.

In summary the options are to:

1. Support the decision
2. Make adverse comments on the process but not the decision itself in which case the decision can be implemented.
3. Propose an alternative decision or modifications and delay the implementation until those have been considered by Cabinet.
4. In exceptional circumstances refer the decision to Council for review or scrutiny.

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**Appendices**

1. Call in request
2. Rule 14 of the Council’s Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Rules)
3. Cabinet report (not including the appendices) – 11 June 2019
4. Extract from the draft minutes of Cabinet (11 June 2019)
5. Line of questioning for the meeting (to follow)

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**Background Papers**

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