

Corporate Review Committee

6 December 2018

Consideration of the Call In of the Cabinet Decision – Pan Staffordshire Approach to Children and Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Recommendation

1. That following consideration of the Call In, the Corporate Review Committee either:
 - agree for the decision to be implemented as set out in the original decision notice;
 - refer the matter on to Cabinet with specific issues for Cabinet to consider; or
 - refer the matter on to Full Council should the impact of the decision be deemed to have exceptional significance of public interest.

Report of the Director for Strategy, Governance and Change

Background

2. In accordance with Section 7 of the County Council’s Constitution County Councillors, that are not members of the Cabinet, are permitted to Call an item in if certain criteria are met in terms of the number of Members willing to put their name to an issue being Called In. Where a matter has been Called In then that decision cannot be implemented until such a time as the decision is scrutinised by Corporate Review and any subsequent recommendations of the committee dealt with.
3. Corporate Review has 3 options when scrutinising the decision:
 - If having heard evidence in response to the Call In, Corporate Review is satisfied the decision is in the best interests of the communities of Staffordshire and the County Council then they can agree that the decision proceeds without further delay.
 - If the committee has concerns over the proposals that aren’t resolved at the committee then it has the ability to refer the matter on to Cabinet with specific matters they would ask Cabinet to consider.
 - Should it be felt that the decision will have exceptional significance of public interest or is a decision that cannot rightly be taken by Cabinet or a Cabinet Member then the committee could refer the matter on to Full Council.
4. The procedure for the consideration of the call in is set out at Appendix 1. Any further course of action will be determined by the Committee by either committee consensus or by means of a vote.

The Decision

5. The decision that has been called in was taken by the Cabinet on 21 November. The specific decision set out in the decision notice (attached at Appendix 2) was:-

That Cabinet:

- (i) Acknowledges the aspiration outlined in this approach.
- (ii) Acts as champions to raise awareness of the impact of poor emotional wellbeing and mental health.
- (iii) Endorses the partnership approach in addressing these needs.

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