

Local Members Interest
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Corporate Review Committee - Thursday 06 January 2022

Consideration of the Call-in of the Cabinet Decision – Burton Town Deal - Proposed Library Move

Recommendation

That following consideration of the Call In, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee either:

- a. Agree for the decision to be implemented as set out in the original decision notice;
- b. Refer the matter on to Cabinet with specific issues for Cabinet to consider; or
- c. 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 Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities

Report

Background

1. 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 Overview and Scrutiny and any subsequent recommendations of the committee dealt with.
2. Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee has 3 options when scrutinising the decision:
 - a. If having heard evidence in response to the Call In, Corporate Overview and Scrutiny 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.

3. 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

4. The decision that has been called in was taken by the Cabinet on 15 December 2021. The specific decision set out in the decision notice (attached at Appendix 2) was:

Reasons for the Decision – To consider the detailed development of the project proposals for the proposed Library move alongside the findings of the recently completed public consultation.

Decision –

(a) Subject to confirmation from Government and the Town Board that a Town Fund allocation of £6,991,549, or greater, is awarded following submission of the necessary Business Case, and that the identified shortfall of £1,036,382 can be resourced from either the Town Board or other external funding; Cabinet agrees to re-locate Burton Library and consolidate other County offices into the Market Hall and Crossley House with a maximum capital investment from the County Council of £1,067,000.

(b) Cabinet delegates authority to negotiate with East Staffordshire Borough Council, secure their ongoing support and deal with all aspects of any property transactions necessary to implement (a) above to the Property Sub Committee.

(c) Cabinet delegates authority to submit the Final Business Case to East Staffordshire Borough Council to the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the County Treasurer.

5. The detailed report considered by the Cabinet when making the decision is attached at Appendix 2.

6. The reasons for the call-in are attached at Appendix 3.

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