

Local Members Interest
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Corporate Review Committee - Friday 05 February 2021

Consideration of the Call-in of the Cabinet Decision – Protecting Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation for Future Generations

Recommendation

That following consideration of the Call In, the Corporate Review 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 Director of Corporate Services

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 Review and any subsequent recommendations of the committee dealt with.
2. Corporate Review Committee has 3 options when scrutinising the decision:
 - a. 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.
 - 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 20 January 2021. The specific decision set out in the decision notice (attached at Appendix 2) was:

Reasons for the Decision – To consider proposals for Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC) to mitigate impacts of recreational pressure associated with a growing resident population. The plans include a range of on-site measures across the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to reduce pressure on the most sensitive habitats, improve infrastructure and facilities in more robust locations and raise public awareness of the sensitivity of the site.

Decision – (a) That the proposed mitigation plans for Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC) be noted.

(b) That the recommended approach and proposed scheme of delegation (as follows) be agreed:

- (i) Operational delivery to be overseen by the Assistant Director - Culture, Rural and Safer Communities; and
 - (ii) Agreement of options appraisal / feasibility study outcomes for Chase Road and Marquis Drive by delegated decision by the appropriate Cabinet Member in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities.
5. The detailed report considered by the Cabinet when making the decision is attached.

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