



## ***'CALL-IN' REQUEST***

Please complete this form to register a request for a decision of the Executive to be 'called in' for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part 4.05 - *Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules* – paragraph 13).

### **Contact details**

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### **Details of the decision to be called-in**

Decision title: Additional contract variation for Fylde Coast YMCA to facilitate the recovery of leisure centre provision

Decision reference number: CAB.10

Date the decision was taken: 25 November 2020

### **Reasons for call-in and issues to be considered**

(This will assist officers to ensure that the relevant issues are addressed during the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's consideration of the decision. Please use an additional sheet if necessary.)

#### **1 Reasons for call-in (please give details):**

- The decision by Cabinet did not properly consider all available options
- The recommended option that was approved by Cabinet was based on unsound information (para 4.2 of the Cabinet report refers).
- The decision by Cabinet was based on an incorrect assumption "that all residents will be able to access facilities within a reasonable travel distance".
- It's unclear whether the projected costs for 2021/22 were or weren't considered.
- It's unclear how reliable the 2021/22 projections are and also unclear how Wyre are expecting to meet those costs.

## **2 What issues would you like the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider? (please list):**

2.1 Determine whether options other than those at para 5.2 of the Cabinet report should have been formally considered and documented in the report, eg. the option to re-open Fleetwood Pool instead of, or as well as, Garstang.

2.2 Using the information below, determine whether the statistics presented at para 4.2 of the Cabinet report were sound enough to make the decision that was actually taken.

Note: Because of what was presented (see below), the reader of the Cabinet Report is not comparing like with like, with the result that this unfairly favours Thornton and Garstang. Despite bringing these issues to the attention of Cabinet at its meeting on 25 November, there was no attempt to address these concerns, with the lack of soundness issue simply ignored:-

- The figures from all the centres and pool need to be levelled by taking into account:-
  - Thornton and Garstang reopening before Fleetwood and Poulton LC (dry side only)
  - adhoc closures, eg. Due to boiler problems
- Fleetwood and Poulton Leisure Centres are heavily dependent on their swimming pool offer, yet the significantly adverse impact on usage figures, caused by the pools being closed, has not been qualified in the text accompanying the data.
- In the report, Garstang LC and Garstang Pool are treated as separate entities, yet for Poulton and Fleetwood, the same isn't true. An argument was made based on the usage of Garstang LC compared to Poulton and Fleetwood, but that argument was not valid because the Garstang Pool figures (zero) were not incorporated with the LC, to put it on the same basis as Poulton and Fleetwood. Percentage comparisons should have been provided, and in this case the usage percentage for Garstang should have reflected the position for the LC and the pool (in line with Poulton and Fleetwood).
- No attempt has been made to document or even recognise the reasons for the lower usage figures at Poulton and Fleetwood, ie Thornton's Leisure Centre has a superior offering.

2.3 Determine what is a reasonable travel distance and whether or not the population of Wyre is best served by this decision in terms of pool provision:-

- Step 1 - determine what is a reasonable travel distance / time
- Step 2 – determine what percentage of the population could be reasonably served by the various options (based on step 1)

2.4 Factoring in the Committee's findings on para 2.3, determine whether or not the swimming requirements of the National Curriculum are being met.

- 2.5 Determine whether the projected costs for 2021/22 were, or should have been, considered. Also determine how reliable the projections are and how Wyre intends to meet such a requirement.

**3 What outcomes are you seeking to achieve by calling-in the decision and/or what alternative actions do you wish the decision maker(s) to take?**

- Call In considered by Wyre's Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- Production of an updated report
  - with all options and their associated financial impact fully documented.
  - with an alternative and sound set of statistics with a covering explanation for usage differences, to stop unfair comparison.
  - inclusion of new data showing for each option, the percentage of the population realistically within a reasonable travel distance of facilities
- Reconsideration of the decision based on an updated report containing all options.

Would you like to make a statement or representation in respect of your objection at the meeting that considers the call-in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

**Name of objectors (please print)**

1 Cllr Lorraine Beavers (spokesperson)

2 Cllr Cheryl Raynor

3 Cllr Craig Armstrong

4 Cllr Mary Stirzaker

5 Cllr Holly Swales

**N.B** Please note that any request to call-in a decision must be supported by at least four individual members of the council.

If you wish to refer to any documents (apart from the Portfolio Holder/Cabinet report and the Cabinet Minute/Portfolio Holder Decision Notice) when the call-in is considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee you should, where possible, submit any such document(s) to the Democratic Services Team before the day of the meeting.

**Please email this completed form to [Roy.Saunders@wyre.gov.uk](mailto:Roy.Saunders@wyre.gov.uk).  
Alternatively, you can return the form to the Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7PU.**

If you have any queries or difficulties regarding completion of the form,  
please contact the Scrutiny Officer on 01253 887606 or 887481.

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Date request received:

Date committee meeting called:

Date of meeting:

Signature of the 'Proper Officer':

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