

Report of:	Meeting	Date
Corporate Director Resources (S151 Officer), Clare James	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	6 March 2024

<p align="center">Call in of the decision made by Cabinet, titled “Update on the future operation of the Council’s theatres – Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre”</p>

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with information regarding the call-in request for the Cabinet decision titled “Update on the future operation of the Council’s theatres – Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre”.

2. Council priorities

2.1 A well run, forward-thinking council that puts customers first.

3. Recommendation

3.1 For members to support or not support the call-in, with reasons for their decision.

4. Background

4.1 On 14 February 2024, Cabinet agreed the following recommendations as set out in the report titled “Update on the future operation of the Council’s theatres – Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre”:

- To note the outcome of the public consultation.
- To appoint a theatres consultant to support the Corporate Director Communities to implement the short-term recommendations as set out at 5.5, at a cost of £30,000 to be funded from the Value for Money Reserve.
- To support the preferred option as set out at 5.8 and that approval is given to proceed with a tender process to secure a commercial operator for the management of the Marine Hall for a minimum of five years. The outcome of the tender process to be the subject of a further report.

- That, in consultation with the Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder and the Resources Portfolio Holder, to authorise the Corporate Director Communities to enter into a lease for Thornton Little Theatre.

4.2 The full Cabinet report and draft minutes are attached at Appendix 1.

4.3 A call-in request of the decision was submitted on 21 February 2024 (in accordance with the Council’s Constitution at part 4.05, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, paragraph 16).

4.4 The call-in requested that the decision come before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The reasons for the call-in are to be found in the call-in request form, attached at Appendix 2.

5. Key issues and proposals

5.1 Members are asked, in following the call-in of executive decision rules as set out within the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, to consider the call-in request. The procedure rules are attached at Appendix 3.

6. Alternative options considered and rejected

6.1 No other considerations.

Financial, Legal and Climate Change implications	
Finance	Nothing arising directly from this report.
Legal	Nothing arising directly from this report.
Climate Change	Nothing arising directly from this report.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

Appendix 1 – Merged Cabinet papers regarding the decision titled “Update on the future operation of the Council’s theatres – Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre”.

Appendix 2 – Call-in request form.

Appendix 3 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Appendix 4 – Cabinet report, “Options for the future operation of the council’s theatres – Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre”, 6 September 2023

Appendix 5 – Additional documents and information provided by officers

Appendix 5a – Consultation boards and ideas relating to Marine Hall