



## **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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Date call-in sent: *21/02/24*

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

Decision title: *Decision made by Cabinet into the future of the Marine Hall & Thornton Little Theatre*

Decision reference number:

Date the decision was taken: *16/02/24*.

### **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):

*A. -Concerns regarding the validity of the conclusions drawn from the public consultation. Recommendation 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 refer.*

*B. -Concerns regarding the long-term future of both MH and TLT with loss of responsibility and control by Wyre Council following outsourcing.*

*C. Concerns a decision is being made to outsource.*

*- without the remedial action outlined in recommendation 3.2 having been implemented.*

- without a Tourism Strategy having been put in place.
- without an attempt to reduce operating costs, eg energy consumption and provision.
- without an attempt to review previous fees and charges increases.
- without an attempt by Wyre to invest into the future of the theatres.

*D. -Concerns a decision to outsource will result in Wyre Council missing out on future revenue streams.*

*E. - Concern that not scrutinising this now will lead to no real Scrutiny of the proposed MH outsourcing. As per para 5.10 of the report “The outcome of the tender process would be subject to a further report and would be presented to full Council for consideration.”, ie this decision could not then be called in.*

*F.- The impact on Wyre staff, eg TUPE*

*G- No appropriate attempt to increase revenue by adequately marketing the facilities of both the Marine Hall & Thornton Little Theatre*

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

*-All concerns documented in A-G above and the recommendations in the report.*

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?

- reconsideration based on neutrally presented and valid consultation conclusions
- re-consideration of recommendations.

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

Yes

No

**Names of councillors**

- 1. Ruth Duffy.....
- 2. Victoria Wells.....( Spokesperson)
- 3. Kevin Higginson.....
- 4. Stuart Fielding .....
- 5. Brian Stephenson.....

Documents to be considered -

*-Any provisional zoning plans for MH.*

*-The bids by the 6 interested parties for TLT (bids were due in last week). I think O&S should see these to better understand the implications for both the theatre itself, and the staff currently running it.*

*-Any document providing a definitive statement as to the impact on staff at both theatres.*

Please note that any request to call-in a decision must be supported by at least four 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 as soon as practically possible or by the publication of the agenda.

**Please email this completed form to [democratic.services@wyre.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@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 887326.**

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Date request received:

Date committee meeting called:

Date of meeting:

Signature of the 'Proper Officer':

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