



Report of:	Meeting	Date
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Call-in – review of process and criteria

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1** To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a summary of comparative information to facilitate a review of processes and criteria.

2. Council priorities

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

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That the committee agrees proposals for any changes to be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.
- 3.2** That the committee notes the report.

4. Background

- 4.1** Call-in provision is set out in sections 21 and 38 of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.
- 4.2** The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules are contained in Part 4.05 of the Council's Constitution.
- 4.2** Compared with many other councils it is relatively unusual for there to be a call-in of an Executive decision at Wyre, the one on 6 March 2024, about the future operation of the Council's theatres, being the first for several years.
- 4.3** After each call-in there is an informal review of the process and the criteria applied, carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in order to consider any changes that will make the process more effective in the future.

5. Key Issues and proposals

5.1 The criteria that are applied when a call-in is being considered are set out in Paragraph 16 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

5.2 Other local authorities use a wide variety of different criteria, depending on the culture and preferences of councils. The political make-up of a council is one of the key factors that influence how call-in operates, and this is often reflected in how many councillors, of which different political groups, must be signatories to the call-in. The number of signatories also varies as does the length of time within which a call-in must be considered and the number of speakers, including members of the public, who may be heard. A Briefing Note, containing some comparative information that might assist the Committee's discussions, is attached at Appendix 1.

6. Alternative options considered and rejected

6.1 Not applicable to this report.

Financial, Legal and Climate Change implications	
Finance	None arising from this report.
Legal	None arising from this report.
Climate Change	None arising from this report.

Other risks/implications: checklist

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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 – Briefing Note – Call-In Procedure Review