

Report to:	Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Relevant Officer:	Chris Kelly, Acting Scrutiny Manager
Date of Meeting	20 December 2016

CALL-IN REQUEST

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 The Committee to consider the Call-in of Executive Decision EX59/ 2016 'Central Business District - Development of a four star hotel and interconnection of Transportation Infrastructure'.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To consider the Call-in request and take action as follows:

a) refer the decision back to the Executive for reconsideration or refer the matter to full Council with, in either case, details of the Committee's concerns; or

b) take no further action on the decision (whereupon the decision will come into force and may be implemented immediately).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To ensure the scrutiny process continues to be fully accountable and an important part of the democratic process.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: “The Economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The decision, attached at Appendix 2(a) (published on 16 December 2016) relates to the proposed development of a site within Central Business District as a four star hotel and the provision of interconnecting Infrastructure between Blackpool North Station, the new Tram Stop, the new Hotel and Banks Street Car Park.

5.2 The decision involved the Executive agreeing the following recommendations:

1. To approve the terms of the Supplemental Deed Agreement with Muse for delivery of the hotel development as part of the Talbot Gateway Project (Central Business District).
2. To agree the Forward Funding for the development of the hotel and infrastructure, on the basis of the Hotel earnings covering the Prudential borrowing costs including the acquisition and demolition cost detailed in EX24/2016.
3. To agree to the principle of nominating a Brand to promote a four star hotel with third Party managing the same on behalf of the Council.
4. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to agree the terms of the supplemental deed.
5. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate the terms of the management agreement with a third party operator and to take any further action as he considers necessary to give effect to the above recommendations.
6. To agree that this decision supersedes EX50/2014 and that decision will no longer be implemented.

5.3 Councillor Williams has called-in the decision, the reasons for which are outlined in the call-in request document, attached at Appendix 2(b).

5.4 The options available to the Committee are outlined at paragraph 2.1. It should be noted that if the matter is referred to Council, then Council will only have the option of:

a) taking no further action (whereupon the decision will come into force and may be implemented immediately) or;

b) refer the decision back to the Executive for reconsideration (unless it is proven that the Executive acted contrary to the Budget or Policy Framework).

5.5 Particular reference should be made to the extract at Appendix 2(d) of the Scrutiny Protocol relating to 'Call-in'.

6.0 Witnesses/representatives

6.1 As requested by the Committee members, the following persons have been invited to attend the meeting to speak on the matter:

- Councillor T Williams
- Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 2(a) - Executive decision EX59/ 2016.

Appendix 2(b) - Request for Call-in of Executive decision EX59/ 2016.

Appendix 2(c) - Call-in procedure (as per the Council's Constitution).

Appendix 2(d) - Extract from the Protocol on Scrutiny Committee / Cabinet Member / Officer Relations (section relating to Call-in).

7.0 Legal considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Human Resources considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Equalities considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Financial considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Risk management considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Ethical considerations:

12.1 None

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 None

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None