

Report to:	Call-in Sub Committee
Relevant Officer:	Chris Kelly, Senior Democratic Services Adviser (Scrutiny)
Date of Meeting	14 th October 2014

CALL-IN REQUEST

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Sub-Committee to consider the Call-in of Executive Decision Ex50/2014 'Central Business District - Four Star Hotel Development'

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 Sub-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 'Expand and promote our tourism, arts, heritage and cultural offer'

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The decision, attached at Appendix 3a (published on 7th October 2014) relates to the development of a site within Central Business District as a four star hotel.
- 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.
 2. To agree in principle the Forward Funding of the hotel development, on the basis of the Hotel earnings covering the Prudential Borrowing costs
 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 management agreement with a Brand and a third party operator and to take any further action as he considers necessary to give effect to the above decisions.
- 5.3 Councillor Williams has called in the decision, the reasons for which are outlined in the call-in request document, attached at Appendix 3b.
- 5.4 The options available to the Sub-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 and Policy Framework).
- 5.5 Particular reference should be made to the extract at Appendix 3d of the Scrutiny Protocol relating to 'Call-In'.
- ## **5.6 Witnesses/representatives**
- 5.6.1 As requested by the Committee members, the following persons have been invited to attend the meeting to speak on the matter:
- Councillor Williams
 - Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 3a, Executive decision EX50/2014

Appendix 3b, Request for Call-in of Executive decision EX50/2014

Appendix 3c, Call-in procedure (as per the Council's Constitution).

Appendix 3d, Extract from the Protocol on Scrutiny Committee / Cabinet Member / Officer Relations (section relating to Call-In).

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None