



To

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

3rd November, 2010

Subject

Restructuring of Neighbourhood Management – Call-in

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the call-in received on this issue and the reasons why the Chair of the Committee determined that it was inappropriate.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the information shown in section 3 below.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Cabinet considered the attached report at their meeting on 5th October, 2010, when they decided to agree the following recommendations:-
1. Accept the findings from the fundamental service review of Neighbourhood Management.
 2. Approve the proposed restructuring of the Neighbourhood Management service resulting from the review, and the implementation of the necessary changes
 3. Note the petitions from Stoke Aldermoor residents regarding closure of the One Stop Shop, and from Hillfields residents regarding the Neighbourhood Management offices in Vine Street, and officers' proposals for continuity of provision in those neighbourhoods.
 4. Request a further report be presented to the 30th November Cabinet meeting detailing how a continuity of service could be provided in priority neighbourhoods.*
*updated at the meeting

- 3.2 Subsequently, the following call-in relating to this decision was received:-

Call-in – from Councillors Skinner, Lee and Lapsa

"What is the solution to the concerns of Canley residents on the future of the community hub and the loss of a vital provision if the present office were closed?"

3.3 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Committee Chair (Councillor Lucas) considered the call-in against the criteria decided by the Committee and, having received advice from the Assistant Director (Democratic Services) and the Council Solicitor, determined the call-in to be inappropriate. The reasons for her decision are shown in the following paragraph.

3.4 **Call-in – Reasons for decision**

The reason the Call-in has been deemed invalid is that the Cabinet report provides the answer to the question, in particular, paragraph 2.7.2 - recognising the considerable work that has been undertaken with the local community and also the concerns of residents that the loss of Neighbourhood Management in the area would result in them being abandoned, it is considered that if support and engagement were not continued in the future it could be detrimental to the area. Therefore, it is proposed that the Neighbourhood Management Service continues to work with Canley.

3.5 The Members who submitted the call-in have been informed of the Chair's decisions and the reasons for them.

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