

3.2 The Chief Executive accepted Councillor Turton's Call-In request on 4 August 2008, and arranged for a Special Meeting of the Environment and Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider the request on 13th August 2008. The Committee received advice on the Scrutiny process in relation to the Call-In provisions in the Constitution as well as the following information:

A. Councillor Turton's written request for Call-In.

B. The Director of Environment's report on the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers agreed by the Cabinet on 31st July 2008.

C. The official record of the Cabinet decision in relation to this report.

D. Additional information on this matter provided by the Director of Environment

3.3 The Call-in Meeting heard from Councillor Turton on the reasons for his request to call-in the decision. The Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Theobald, also addressed the meeting and answered questions.

3.4 Following further discussion and a vote it was agreed that the decision should not be referred back to Cabinet for re-consideration.

3.5 Based on the information given and discussion at the meeting, the Committee agreed two additional recommendations for referral to the Executive, as follows:

A. That the rest of the process regarding the proposed permanent travellers site is progressed having regard to the need to keep Ward Councillors and residents informed and properly consulted.

B. That issues of custom and practice relating to Special Meetings be reviewed and clarified with regard to the Constitution.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 No formal consultation has been carried out regarding this report. The minutes of the Call-in meeting will be considered at the next scheduled Environment and Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 15th September 2008.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications to this report to Cabinet.

5.2 Legal Implications:

The current situation regarding custom and practice at special meetings of the Executive was set out by the Head of Law at the call-in meeting.

Any proposed amendments to the Constitution arising from recommendation 2. (2) B would need to be submitted to the Governance Committee for consideration.

Lawyer consulted: Oliver Dixon - August 2008

5.3 Equalities Implications:

There are no direct equalities implications to this report, although the substantive decision on location of a site for Gypsies and Travellers was made after consideration of equalities issues.

5.4 Sustainability Implications:

There are no direct sustainability implications to this report to Cabinet.

5.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

There are no direct crime and disorder implications to this report to Cabinet.

5.6 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

There are no direct risk and management opportunity implications to this report to Cabinet.

5.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

There are no direct corporate/citywide implications to this report to Cabinet.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The Committee discussed whether or not to refer the decision back to Cabinet for re-consideration and determined not to do so.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The recommendations are based on the information presented and the decisions made at the 13th August 2008 Environment and Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Call-in meeting.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Background Documents

1. Report of the Director of Strategy and Governance to the 13th August 2008 Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Call-in meeting.