

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 November 2022

Report of the Scrutiny Officer

Part 1- Public

1 CALL IN – DECISION NOTICE – D220099CAB – REVIEW OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH PROVISION

The above Decision (attached at Annex 1) has been called in. In accordance with “Call In” procedure, five members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have raised a valid “Call in” request to this decision.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 On 8 November 2022 Cabinet Decision Notice D220099CAB was published relating to the Review of Sports Development and Youth Provision.

1.1.2 In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny – Cabinet Protocol, requests for Call In can be made by any five Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In this case, Councillors Clark, Cope, Hoskins, Oakley and Thornewell, have made this request. The grounds of the call-in request (dated 16 November 2022) are set out below:-

At Cabinet last week the decision was made to make a whole set of cuts to youth services and sports development.

The scale of the cuts is considerable and the Cabinet Member suggested that they can be made with little consequence. The suggestion was that KCC has responsibility for youth provision. Although it tends to lead on this I believe that youth services are a discretionary service and could be lined up for significant cuts in next year's budget.

I'd like to call this decision into Overview and Scrutiny - copied are the other four Members who have agreed to support this call-in (Anna Cope, David Thornewell, Frani Hoskins and Anita Oakley).

In particular, our concern is that there was insufficient information in the report to Cabinet to explain how the cuts will affect performance, so we would like to see a deeper analysis of this please.

- 1.1.3 Pending further consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at this meeting, the decision at Annex 1 stands deferred.
- 1.1.4 If, having considered the decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee wishes to make recommendations to the Cabinet, then it may refer it back to the Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of those recommendations. If referred to the Cabinet they shall then reconsider it, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision.
- 1.1.5 If following a call in of the decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee does not refer the matter back to the Cabinet, the decision shall take effect on the date of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee i.e. 17 November 2022.
- 1.1.6 In accordance with paragraph 15(h) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Cabinet can be required to reconsider any particular decision only once. No further call-ins are permitted of that particular decision.

1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 In compliance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules, a meeting has convened within five working days of the initial "Call In" request.
- 1.2.2 The appropriate legal references relating to the Review of Sports Development and Youth Provision are set out in the initial Report to Cabinet (Annex 2)

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 As set out in the Report to Cabinet (Annex 2)

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 As set out in the Report to Cabinet (Annex 2)

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 As set out in the Report to Cabinet (Annex 2)

1.6 Recommendations

- 1.6.1 Members to **CONSIDER** the changes to Sports Development and Youth Provision set out in Decision Notice D220099CAB together with the Review of Sports Development and Youth Report dated 8 November 2022 and the request for call-in, and:
- 1.6.2 Following further consideration, if Members remain concerned about any aspects of the decision **REFER** the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

Background papers:

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Nil

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