



COUNCIL, 21 November 2018

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**SUBJECT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RULES – EXCEPTION TO THE
CALL-IN (REQUISITION) PROCEDURE**

SUMMARY

Under paragraph 18e of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Leader of the Council is required to submit reports to Council on decisions taken by himself, Cabinet or individual Cabinet members, or key decision made by a member of staff in the circumstances set out in Rule 18 (exemption to the call-in (requisition) procedure) within the previous 3 months. However, on account of the Local Authority Elections, this report covers the period from May 2018.

This report deals with 5 such decisions:

- 1) Strategic Investment Pot Bids May 2018
- 2) The Budget Consultation Report to Cabinet, 25 July 2018
- 3) GLA Bids
- 4) Good Growth Fund Bid Submission
- 5) The Good Growth Fund

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

REPORT DETAIL

- 1 Rule 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules provides that:

- (a) **The call-in procedure shall not apply where a decision being taken by Cabinet or an individual Cabinet member, or a key decision made by a member of staff is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interests. The record of the decision and notice by which it is made shall state whether in the opinion of the decision making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in.**

- (b) **The decision making person or body can only take an urgent decision under (a) above and avoid the call-in procedures after obtaining agreement from the Chairman of the Board that the decision be treated as urgent.**

- 2 **Strategic Investment Pot Bids, May 2018**

- 2.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Chief Operating Officer sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Leader of the Council to bid for funding to establish a creative industries cluster on the Bretons site.
 - 2.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:
 - 2.3 In order to ensure that the Council was in a position to make the bid to the City of London Corporation and meet the published deadline.

- 3 **The Budget Consultation**

- 3.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Chief Operating Officer sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Cabinet to consult with the public on the budget options.

- 3.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:

- 3.3 In order to avoid potential delay to any public consultation having an impact on the budget proposals later in the process.

4 GLA Bids

- 4.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Chief Operating Officer sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Cabinet to bid for £5million to assist with the proposed regeneration of Bretons Manor House and associated buildings.

- 4.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:

- 4.3 To ensure that the Council was in a position to make the bid within the published timescales.

5 Good Growth Fund Bid Submission

- 5.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Director of Neighbourhoods sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Cabinet to submit a bid to the GLA Growth Fund for up to £1.25million, to establish innovation hubs and improve public realm access to the Rainham Employment Strategic Industrial Area.

- 5.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:

- 5.3 To ensure that the Council was in a position to make the bid within the published timescales.

6 The Good Growth Fund

- 6.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Director of Housing Services sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Cabinet to submit a bid to the GLA Growth Fund for up to £1.7million, to establish innovation

hubs and improve public realm access to the Rainham Employment Strategic Industrial Area.

- 6.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:
- 6.3 To ensure that the Council was in a position to make the bid within the published timescales.

Financial Implications and Risks:

While there were financial implications around the decision described in this report, there are none directly associated with this report.

Legal Implications and Risks:

There are no immediate legal implications directly associated with this report.

Human Resource Implications and Risks:

There are none directly associated with this report.

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks:

There are none directly associated with this report.

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Background paper List

None