

CALL IN FOLLOWING DECISION OF CABINET ON 15TH JANUARY 2014

Submitted by: Democratic Services Manager

Portfolio: Economic Development, Regeneration and Town Centres

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To Consider the decision of Cabinet made at its meeting on 15 January 2014 in relation to the Newcastle Housing Advice Service Contract Award.

Recommendation

That the Committee review the decision of the Cabinet made on 15 January 2014 in accordance with the call-in procedure as set out in section 1 of this report.

Background

At the meeting of the Cabinet on 15 January 2014 consideration was given to a report seeking approval regarding the Newcastle Housing Advice Service Contract. A copy of this report is attached at **Appendix A**. Following the decision of the Cabinet, which is detailed below, a request for a call-in was made to the Chief Executive to review the decision; a copy of the call-in request is attached at **Appendix B**.

Cabinet Decision:

- a) That the Homelessness, Housing Advice and Housing Register contract be awarded to Midland Heart for the period 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2017, with the option to extend for a further three years on satisfactory performance.
- b) That the Executive Director for Regeneration and Development be authorised in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Regeneration and Town Centres, to finalise negotiations with Midland Heart on the precise details within the service specification to ensure that the contract offers maximum value for money.
- c) That once the contract is formally up and running the Council engages with Members to ensure that they are aware of the service and that appropriate training be provided to members regarding the new provisions.

1. Procedure to Be Followed

Action	By Whom	Time Allocated
Apologies	Chair	
Declarations of Interest and Party Whip	Chair	
Welcome – including explanation of procedure to be followed	Chair	
Explanation of reasons for the call-in and justification for proposal set out on the call-in	Lead call-in member and any other persons that they wish to involve	15 minutes

form		
Explanation of decision taken and views on alternative proposal	Relevant Cabinet member and officer	15 minutes
Questioning of call-in representatives and decision taken and consideration of any documents that may illustrate the issue under discussion	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members	Unlimited
Summing up	Lead call-in Member	5 minutes
Summing up	Decision taker	5 minutes
Voting on the proposal on the call-in form	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members	Unlimited

2. **Options Considered**

2.1 Having reviewed the decision the Committee may either choose to reject the call-in and note the original decision or accept the proposal set out in the call in form and refer back to Cabinet with its additional comments to be considered by Cabinet at its next scheduled meeting. Cabinet shall amend the decision or not before adopting the final decision. If the call-in is rejected then the original decision takes effect from the date of this meeting.

3. **Proposal**

That the protocol for Member Call-in be followed as detailed in the Council's constitution.

4. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

Cabinet Report – Newcastle Housing Advice Service Contract Award

5. **List of Appendices**

Appendix A: Cabinet Report – Newcastle Housing Advice Service Contract Award

Appendix B: Call-in Request