

Notice of Call-In of an Executive Key Decision

In accordance with Rule OS36 of the Council's Constitution, we the undersigned hereby give notice that we wish to call-in the following key decision:

1. Decision 25/17
2. Meeting at which the decision was made
LIBRARIES STRATEGIC REVIEW.....
3. Date of the meeting 12th July 2017

We believe that the following principles of decision making have been breached by the making of this decision (tick relevant boxes):

- a) Proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome)
- b) Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers
- c) Respect for human rights
- d) A presumption in favour of openness
- e) Clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- f) A record of what options were considered and giving the reasons for the decision
and/or that relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into consideration

We believe these principles have been breached for the following reasons:

Principle	Reasons why breached
a. Proportionality	THE PROPOSED REMAINING COUNCIL RUN LIBRARIES TO BE RETAINED, WOULD NOT PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE STATUTORY LIBRARY PROVISION FOR THE CITY, AND THEIR LOCATION COULD HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE EFFECT ON THE ABILITY OF RESIDENTS IN SOME AREAS TO GAIN REASONABLE ACCESS TO ANY LIBRARY SERVICES.
b. Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers	THE CONSULTATIONS WERE RUN ON THE BASIS OF THE FOUR OPTIONS QUOTED - OPTION 1A-D. THE OPTION OF RETAINING ALL LIBRARIES UNDER ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT MODEL WAS NOT CONSIDERED. NO CONSULTATION TOOK PLACE IN RELATION TO THE REDUCTION OF PROPOSED OPENING HOURS TO RETAIN ANY OTHER PROVISION, AS IN OPTION B+
c. Respect for human rights	
d. A presumption in favour of openness	THE OUTCOME OF THE REVIEW WAS PRE-DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF BUDGET SAVINGS AND NOT PURSUANT AS A NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF AN ADEQUATE STATUTORY PROVISION. NUMEROUS BUDGETARY PROVISIONS WERE MADE PRIOR TO THE DECISION BEING MADE AND THE PREFERRED OPTION AND EVENTUAL OUTCOMES WERE TAILORED TO MEET THE BUDGETED SAVING REQUIREMENT.
e. Clarity of aims and desired outcomes	THE PROPOSALS DO NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT DETAIL IN TERMS OF THE LEASE ARRANGEMENTS OR THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF VOLUNTARY GROUPS CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A C.M.L.
f. A record of what options were considered and giving the reasons for the decision	OFFICIALS CONCEDED THAT IN PUTTING FORWARD OPTION B+, WHICH WAS NOT CONSIDERED ON, NO CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE OPTION OF NOT INCREASING OPENING HOURS AT ALL, TO ENSURE THE RETENTION OF ONE OR MORE LIBRARY PROVISION EXTRA.
and/or that relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into consideration	CONSULTATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS TO CABINET HAVE NOT MET THE PROPOSED TIMETABLES. AS A CONSEQUENCE THE TIME ALLOWED FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED AND ARE UNREASONABLE AND IMPRACTICAL TO ACHIEVE, WITH THE LEVEL OF COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOURCES AVAILABLE.