

Agenda Item 7



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Report of: Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Decision: 18th January 2017

Subject: Call-In of decision by Cabinet on “China Economic and Civic Programme Update”

Is this a Key Decision? If Yes, reason Key Decision:-	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- Expenditure and/or savings over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Affects 2 or more Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Which Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee does this relate to? Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee		
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Purpose of Report:

This paper reports the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15th December 2016 where a Call-In on the decision of Cabinet on 30th November 2016 regarding “China Economic and Civic Programme Update” was considered.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- a) Notes the decision of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Background Papers:

Cabinet Report: China Economic and Civic Programme Update

<https://imgmeetings.sheffield.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&Mid=6559&Ver=4>

Lead Officer to complete:-	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: <i>(Insert name of officer consulted)</i> n/a
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	Equalities: <i>(Insert name of officer consulted)</i> n/a
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	EMT member who approved submission: <i>(Insert name of relevant Executive Director)</i> n/a
3	Cabinet Member consulted: <i>(Insert name of relevant Cabinet Member)</i> n/a
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the EMT member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.
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	Job Title: Policy & Improvement Officer
Date: 10/01/2017	

Called-In Decision – Outcome of Scrutiny Committee Meeting

1. Cabinet Decision

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 30th November 2016 Cabinet took the following decision:

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the Council's programme of activity with Sheffield's Chinese partners;*
- (b) authorises the completion of the required legal documents which will underpin the long-term Strategic Investment Partnership with Guodong following the signing of Heads of Terms in June 2016;*
- (c) notes the expression of interest received from Guodong and authorises entering into a twelve month period of exclusivity to assess the viability of developing a 5 star hotel at the Central Library building on Surrey Street;*
- (d) approves the commencement of the negotiation of terms with Guodong regarding the library building on the principles set-out in the report;*
- (e) in line with the principles outlined in the report, approves the development of options for both the temporary and the permanent relocation of the Central Library Service and the Graves Art Gallery that may be required as a result of the receipt of the hotel expression of interest; and*
- (f) notes that the terms of the hotel proposal and the options for any impacted services will be the subject of a future report to Cabinet prior to entering into any binding agreement.*

2. Scrutiny

- 2.1 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision was called in.
- 2.2 The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee considered this call-in at a meeting held on 15th December 2017.
- 2.3 The Committee heard from the relevant Cabinet Members, Council Officers, Councillors who called-in the decision, and members of the public. The issues discussed included, future of the Central Library, exclusivity agreement, ongoing open and transparent process.
- 2.4 The Scrutiny Committee:
- (a) agreed to take no action in relation to the called-in decision
 - (b) requests that a further report on an update on progress of the China Economic and Civic Programme be submitted to its first meeting in the Municipal Year 2017/18, prior to the final decision being made by the Cabinet.

3. Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- a) notes the decision of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee
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