



Report to Children, Young People and Family Support Committee Monday 3rd September 2018

Subject: Call in of decision on “Short breaks consultation; implementation phase”

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Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

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1.0 Background

1.1 On the 26th July 2018, the Cabinet Member for Children and Families took the following decision:

Decision:

That the Cabinet Member authorises the Executive Director for People Services to implement the changes to eligibility for Short Breaks Grants and Daytime Activities as set out in Section 1.9 of the report.

1.2 The Call-In notice is attached to this report as Appendix 1. Additional documents for this item include the Individual Cabinet Member Decision Record and the original report of Executive Director, People Services, to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families. Note the three appendices of the report to the Cabinet Member are not for publication.

1.3 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision has been called in, preventing implementation of the decision until it has been considered by this Scrutiny Committee.

1.4 The Call-In notice states that the reasons for the Call-in are: "methodological issues, impact of the proposals, clarification of some of the proposals".

The lead signatory is Councillor Mick Rooney, with co-signatories being Councillors Cliff Woodcraft, Colin Ross, Susan Alston and Andrew Sangar.

1.5 In addition to the Councillors named above, an interest in this call in has been registered by Councillor Francyne Johnson for the following reasons: "I have received correspondence from a number of constituents about their concerns surrounding this issue. I am concerned that it would adversely and disproportionately affect low income working families and those with more than one disabled child".

2.0 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

2.1 As per the Scrutiny Procedure rules, scrutinise the decision and take one of the following courses of action:

- (a) refer the decision back to the decision making body or individual for reconsideration in the light of recommendations from the Committee;
- (b) request that the decision be deferred until the Scrutiny Committee has considered relevant issues and made recommendations to the Executive;
- (c) take no action in relation to the called-in decision but consider whether issues arising from the call-in need to be fed back to the decision maker or added to the work programme of an existing Scrutiny Committee;
- (d) if, but only if (having taken the advice of the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer), the Committee determines that the decision is wholly or partly outside the Budget and Policy Framework, refer the matter, with any recommendations, to the Council after following the procedures in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

(If a Scrutiny Committee decides on (a), (b) or (d) as its course of action, there is a continuing bar on implementing the decision).

2.2 The Scrutiny Procedure rules state that if a decision is referred back, it is referred back to the individual or body that made the decision. In this case the decision maker is the Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

Background Papers

- Appendix 1 - Call in notice dated 31.7.18
- Individual Cabinet Member Decision Record dated 26.7.18
- Report of Executive Director, People to Cabinet Member for Children and Families, dated 28.07.2017 including 3 appendices

Category of Report: OPEN (original report appendices confidential by virtue of paragraph 3)
