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Decision taken *

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL MAGNA CARTA 800TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

1. That all recommendations in the model resolutions 1-20, which includes the proposal for a National Holiday on 15th June 2015 to celebrate the 800th anniversary, be supported and endorsed.
2. That a total £5m contribution to the funding for a new visitor centre, with £3m of additional match funding to be raised externally, be approved in principle subject to appropriate project governance and management being put in place, the agreement of which be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the 2012 Games in consultation with the Leader of Council and the Assistant Chief Executive.

Date decision taken * : 23 October 2012

Reason(s) for calling in the decision

The Cabinet decision to agree in principle a £5m contribution to the funding of a new visitor centre in Runnymede represents a significant commitment by the County Council. There has been no prior opportunity by the Select Committee to look at this proposal and there are a number of matters that it would be appropriate for the Committee to consider in connection with this decision.

These include :-

- The views of those opposing the building of the centre (to include the petition submitted to the Cabinet and the views of the CPRE circulated to members of the Committee)
- Financial and governance issues (to include VFM, risk, future financial implications and responsibilities, any additional associated project revenue costs and the contribution of other authorities)
- The assumed benefits to the County Council and to Surrey of this investment.

Desired outcome:

A reassessment of the current decision by Cabinet so that the financial and governance issues, views of those opposing the building, and assumed benefits to the County Council and to Surrey can be considered.

Identified evidence

Cabinet's Decision, Campaign to Protect Rural England information sheet, Petition opposing a new visitor centre (presented to Cabinet 23 October 2012)

Desired Witnesses

Lead petitioner, a representative from Campaign to Protect Rural England, National Trust, Chief Executive and Leader of Runnymede Council.

Also Runnymede County Councillors will be invited to share their views.

Member calling in decision

1. Member *

Steve Cosser (Chairman of Communities SC)

Date of call-in

31 October 2012

2. Member

Chris Norman (Vice-Chairman of Communities SC)

3. Member

Committee responsible for examining this decision

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Call-in by Select Committee

Select Committees have the power to call in decisions made, but not yet implemented, by the Cabinet and/or local committees if they feel that the decision is inappropriate. Implementation will be delayed while the Select Committee meets.

A decision can be 'called in' for scrutiny by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the relevant Committee or by any three or more Committee members from more than one political party. A decision must be 'called in' within five days of publication of the decision by the Cabinet and/or local committees (decisions must be published within three working days of the Cabinet and/or local committee meeting). The Chairman of the Select Committee must then call a meeting of the Committee within another ten working days.

The Select Committee can interview the Cabinet Member and/or Council officers and make recommendations to the decision-maker suggesting improvements to the decision.

Issues to consider when deciding whether to call in a decision:

- Has the Cabinet adequately taken account of the appropriate Select Committee's views?
- Can the query be satisfied without a call-in?
- Is call-in constitutionally possible (e.g. Is the issue a Cabinet decision)?
- Can you build the case for a call-in? You will need to work with the Scrutiny Officer for the Committee to identify evidence and plan an approach.

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