

**Form to call in a decision – please complete all fields marked \***

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**Your Details**

First Name \*

Surname \*

Decision-making body \*

Cabinet

Elmbridge

Epsom & Ewell

Guildford

Mole Valley

Reigate

Runnymede

Spelthorne

Surrey Heath

Tandridge

Waverley

Woking

Decision taken \*

Support Services for Carers Contract Award – Independent Carers Support Service

Date decision taken \*

Reason(s) for calling in the decision

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Desired outcome

Figures and evidence provided to members on SCSB as to how the service can expand its reach and quality given such a large reduction in resource

Identified evidence

Cabinet papers – Item 9:  
<https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/documents/g4593/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2022-Nov-2016%2014.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>

## Desired Witnesses

Cllr Mel Few  
Helen Atkinson  
Carers Support Mole Valley  
Carer of Epsom  
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council  
John Bangs  
Action for Carers, Surrey

## Member calling in decision

1. Member \*
- Date of call-in
2. Member
3. Member

## Committee responsible for examining this decision

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Communities             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Overview & Scrutiny  | <input type="checkbox"/> Education               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Social Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children & Families          | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Scrutiny         |

## 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.

### **Call-in of Local Committee decisions by Cabinet**

The Cabinet can call in decisions made by a local committee that have a significant policy or budgetary implication. The Leader, Deputy Leader or any three or more members of the Cabinet may call in a decision within five days of its publication by the local committee. The call-in will be discussed at the next appropriate meeting of the Cabinet (in discussion with the local committee chairman) with no action being taken on the decision in the meantime. The local committee chairman may attend the Cabinet meeting and speak on the item. The Cabinet may choose to accept, reject or amend the decision of the local committee.

### **Reasons for call in**

- Total lack of clarity and detail around how service reach can increase by 15%, no evidence presented to Cabinet to back up this assertion. No figures, statistics or plan presented to Cabinet to set out how this objective can be achieved and in what timescale
- No details provided as to what the digital offer or what modern technology will be used, and concerns unaddressed over whether this will be appropriate given the cohort and demographics of carers in the county.
- Figures on p341 of Cabinet papers (part two) suggest a 33% reduction in the cost of the contract – no details or clarity provided as to how this will impact on the service and how the reach of the service can increase given this large reduction in resource
- No information on the impact on existing providers and implications for the other services they provide to users in their local areas

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