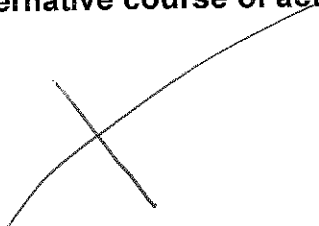



Call-in Request Form

Decision Title:	Transfer of 5 County Council managed Children's Centres to the management of Barnardo's.
Decision Number:	DLES.12.13
Decision-taker:	Cabinet Member Education and Skills
Was the decision taken under the urgent action procedure?	Yes
<p>If yes, please set out why you believe the decision is not genuinely urgent:</p> <p>The decision is not urgent because the reason given is due to elections being held on 2nd May. Had the decision been taken in a timely manner, it would have been easier for the Overview and Scrutiny to have heard the matter. However, it was still technically possible for the matter to have been heard.</p> <p>It is said that the decision had to be urgent as it would not have been 'fair' on those affected. In fact, parents, staff and local members wanted it to be called in to scrutiny on a number of grounds.</p> <p>We dispute that it was either urgent because of elections or 'unfair' to delay the decision. We feel that it is a very significant decision, where new information was brought forward, and that this decision may affect the future of all other County run Children's Centres. This decision has taken away the resident's and local member's rights to have a Call In at all. It raises serious questions of the democratic process and what might happen if Key decisions were not open to scrutiny due to elections, which could have far reaching consequences for the Council.</p> <p>When local members sought additional information from the Cabinet Member and Officer prior to the Decision, they did not respond, which has been acknowledged.</p> <p>Parents feel that Local members should call in the decision. One local Member is the Cabinet Member so they are further disadvantaged.</p>	
<p>Grounds for the Call-in:</p> <p><i>Please tick as many boxes that apply. At least one option must apply for the request to be valid to go forward to the OSCC.</i></p>	<p>It is alleged that the decision-making process was flawed because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all relevant matters were not taken into account in reaching a decision; Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> it was not proportionate to the desired outcome; Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> there was inadequate consultation; Yes with local members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> it did not comply with the constitutional decision-making guidance; Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> there was a lack of openness and transparency; In that the matter could have been called in. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> it did not accord with the Council's aims & strategies; Yes, Members First and other policies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> it was not properly recorded and published within the appropriate timeframe, together with declarations of interest and background papers; It could have been published sooner. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the views of relevant local members were not sought; and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> it is outside of the Council's agreed policy and budget framework. Yes

Reasons for the Call-in: The decision should not have been made as 'urgent'.	
Desired outcome/alternative course of action sought: Proceed with call-in.	
If your Call-in request is accepted as valid, would you like to request that you: <i>(please tick)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> can submit further documentation Yes.	
If you would like to nominate witnesses to support your case, please use this section to provide their names and details: <i>Chair Parents Forum Richard Scott County Councillor Chaudhary Ditta</i>	
Lead member: <i>(who will be the main contact and spokesperson for the group):</i>	Attached
Member signatures: <i>(minimum of 3 members required in total)</i>	Attached

This form will be submitted to the Monitoring Officer and OSCC Chairman

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If your Call-in request is accepted as valid, would you like to request that you: (please tick)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> can submit further documentation	
If you would like to nominate witnesses to support your case, please use this section to provide their names and details: (maximum of three) CHILDRENS CENTRE PARENTS FORUM REPRESENTATIVE CLLR RICHARD SCOTT - MARLOW CHAUDHARY DITTA	
Lead member: (who will be the main contact and spokesperson for the group):	JULIA WASSSELL
Member signatures: (minimum of 3 members required in total) JULIA WASSSELL CHAUDHARY DITTA MARY BARDWIN	Julia Wassell 19/4/13 

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