

CALL IN NOTICE

TO: Director of Legal & Governance Services

1. Notice of Call In of an Executive Decision

In accordance with Committee Rule 46.2.1, Councillors Christine Bednell, Stephen Greek, Barry Macleod-Cullinane, Chris Mote, John Nickolay, Joyce Nickolay and Simon Williams, being councillors of the London Borough of Harrow, hereby give notice that we wish to call-in the executive Decision detailed at Section 2 below.

2. Details of Executive Decision

Decision: Transformation Programme Mobile and Flexible Working

Made by: Cabinet (9 February 2012)

Published on: 10 February 2012

3. Grounds for Call In

(A) Inadequate consultation with stakeholders prior to the decision.

There has been inadequate consultation with councillors before taking the decision, despite repeated requests for consultation to occur. In particular, members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested a briefing on this decision for several months. A briefing for Scrutiny members was arranged for the 22nd February, on the understanding that the decision would not go to Cabinet until March. Subsequent to the arranging of this briefing the decision was accelerated to February's Cabinet meeting. Therefore, even when consultation has been requested and arranged, it was denied to Councillors.

(B) The absence of adequate evidence on which to base the decision.

The decision represents a substantial financial commitment for the Council, a total of 7.3 million revenue and 4.9 million capital over 10 years. It projects savings of 2.8 million (Para 2.5.5 of the Cabinet report) over that period. Yet at no point within the Cabinet report is a breakdown or detailed analysis of this savings projection provided. The so-called 'full financial summary' at Appendix A of the Cabinet report is comprised simply of a table displaying the predicted annual investment and savings figures. The business case and financial justification for this decision are near non-existent, and it therefore cannot be said that there exists adequate evidence on which it can be based.