

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 5 DECEMBER 2018**

### **PROCESS FOR HANDLING THE CALL-IN: CABINET MEMBER DECISION 21 NOVEMBER 2018 – PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE PARKING CHARGES AT WORCESTER WOODS COUNTRY PARK**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Board is asked to consider how it would wish handle the Call-in received in respect of the Cabinet Member Decision taken on the 21 November 2018 in relation to the proposal to introduce parking charges at Worcester Woods Country Park.

#### **Background**

2. In accordance with the Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) is requested to consider the process for handling the Call-in of the Cabinet Member decision taken on 21 November 2018, which was taken under the Council's arrangements for delegated decision making and proposes to introduce parking charges at Worcester Woods Country Park.

3. Non-Cabinet Members have the power to call in Cabinet or Cabinet Member decisions in exceptional circumstances and normally only when there is evidence to suggest that Cabinet (or the individual Cabinet Member) has departed from the principles of decision-making, as set out in Article 7 of the Constitution. If a decision is called-in, it cannot be implemented until the call-in process is completed.

4. This decision has been called-in by the required number of Members and the reasons given for the Call-in are set out in Appendix 1.

#### **Cabinet Decision**

5. The details and context behind the decision are set out in the [Cabinet Member Report](#) (Appendix 2) and the Board is referred to that Report.

6. On 21 November 2018, the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:

- (a) approved the introduction of parking charges at Worcester Woods Country Park across 208 spaces, including 9 disabled spaces (i.e. the whole of the Countryside Centre car park);
- (b) noted the wider campus parking arrangements; and

- (c) authorised the Director of Children, Families and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities, to finalise the details of charging at Worcester Woods Country Park including the level of charges and to take all appropriate steps to implement the agreed proposal and to review the charges annually.

## **Process**

7. The options available to the Board to deal with the Call-in are to:
- deal with the Call-in itself,
  - refer it to one of its Overview and Scrutiny Panels; or
  - establish a Scrutiny Task Group to do so.
8. If the matter is referred to an Overview and Scrutiny Panel or a Scrutiny Task Group, a report containing the findings and any recommendations will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board for approval.

## **Purpose of the Meeting**

9. With reference to paragraph 7 above the OSPB is invited to consider the options available to it for handling the Call-in of the Cabinet Member Decision taken on the 21 November 2018 in relation to the proposal to introduce parking charges at Worcester Woods Country Park and agree how it would wish to deal with it.

## **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1: Copy of the call-in (received 27 November 2018)

Appendix 2: Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities [Report and Decision Notice](#) dated 21 November 2018

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

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