

Wiltshire Council

Overview and Scrutiny Call-in Request Form

1. Decision to be called in:

Decision title: *Cessation of 3rd Sector Policy Subsidy*

Decision reference no. (cabinet member decisions): *SDSPW-03-16*

Or

Decision minute no. and meeting date (cabinet committee decisions):

2. Name of councillor requesting the call-in: *CHRIS CARWILL*

Signed (not required if sent by email):



3. Names of at least 9 co-signatories:

1. Required *ION HUBBARD*

7. Required *GRAHAM WRIGHT*

2. Required *PICKY ROBERS*

8. Required *PAT AVES*

3. Required *GLENN ANSELL*

9. Required *IAN WEST*

4. Required *BRIAN DALTON*

10. Optional *CHRIS HURST*

5. Required *GORDON KING*

11. Optional *STEVE OLDRIEVE*

6. Required *RUSSELL HAWKER*

12. Optional *TREVOR CARBIN*

also *MAGNUS MACDONALD, BILL DOUGLAS, IAN THORN, PETER EDGE,
BOB JONES, IAN MCLENNAN*

4. Which of the principles of decision making in Part 8 of the Constitution – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules have not been applied?

NB. Call-in is an extraordinary power intended for use only when the principles of decision making have not been followed. It is not intended to be used to appeal a decision that is simply disagreed with. It is therefore important that as much information as possible is included in the table below.

Principle of decision making	Comments describing how this principle has not been followed by the decision maker (as appropriate)
to produce action that is proportionate to the desired outcome	The action is not proportionate in respect of the Savings <u>estimate</u> and the negative effects on the <u>Voluntary Sector</u> .
to ensure open, fair and honest administration	
to be clear over desired outcomes and aims	There is a Confusion between the aim of reduced HRC queues and Saving money, which is the main aim?
to record the options considered and discarded	
to state the reasons for the action	
to consult interested parties where appropriate and practicable	
to consult appropriate officers and to seek their professional advice	
to show due respect for human rights, and to provide equality of	

opportunity	
to obtain best value and operate efficiently, effectively and economically	It is not efficient or effective to charge Schools for bus service, especially those in the LA Sector
to serve Wiltshire communities and to work in partnership with other agencies having the same aim	This fails to promote Partnership working with the voluntary sector. It will also discriminate against organisations and individuals doing work in Wiltshire.
to promote the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the county	This punitive measure fails to promote social and environmental well-being
to determine issues at the lowest level commensurate with their importance	
to keep and sustain what is useful in the traditions of the authority and to reject any practices or services retained purely out of sentiment.	

5. Please use the space below to describe the action already taken to resolve the matter, including representations made to the decision maker

I wrote to the Cabinet Member to express my concerns on 31 May. I pointed out that the voluntary sector already suffered grant reductions and this was a further penalty. The decision was contrary to the principles of working in partnership, and that it did not promote environmental and social well-being, and would also have perverse such effects, such as discouraging recycling and taking second hand goods to voluntary organisations.

6. Please use the space below to add any further comments. You may wish to consider:

- The outcome you would like to see as a result of this decision being called in
- Any further information that O&S Management Committee might consider when assessing this call-in. NB. This will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

It is not enough to say that "it became clear that" voluntary sector use was "one of the causes" of HRC queues. No detailed evidence is provided for this claim and the Council's own policy of reduced HRC hours is more likely to be the main cause.

This decision should be withdrawn and other options considered to achieve the budgeted savings.

7. Notes

The call-in request must be sent either by email or as a signed paper copy to the Designated Scrutiny Officer: Paul Kelly, Scrutiny Manager, paul.kelly@wiltshire.gov.uk, Corporate Office, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN

For further information or advice please contact a member of the Scrutiny team via 01225 713335 or committee@wiltshire.gov.uk