

**1. Decision to be called in:**

Decision title: Outdoor Education

Decision reference no. (cabinet member decisions):

Or

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

Meeting held 27 March 2018 – Minute item 215

**2. Name of councillor requesting the call-in: Cllr Jon Hubbard**

**Signed (not required if sent by email):**

**3. Names of at least 9 co-signatories:**

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| 1. Ross Henning   | 7. Sarah Gibson |
| 2. Brian Matthew  | 8. Pat Aves     |
| 3. Hayley Spencer | 9. Ian Thorn    |
| 4. Chris Hurst    | 10. Optional    |
| 5. Ruth Hopkinson | 11. Optional    |
| 6. Clare Cape     | 12. Optional    |

**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.

<b>Principle of decision making</b>	<b>Comments describing how this principle has not been followed by the decision maker (as appropriate)</b>
to produce action that is proportionate to the desired outcome	Whilst this decision will, in theory, save the council a relatively small amount of money, the impact on children and young people in the county will be significant
to ensure open, fair and honest administration	The council is committed to open and transparent decision making, but this decision was taken in a secret session of the cabinet, with absolutely no papers published in the public realm, not even the Scrutiny Task Group Report. There was no consultation with service users or staff in advance of the decision being made.
to be clear over desired outcomes and aims	
to record the options considered and discarded	The cabinet report was not clear in how all alternative options had been considered – and indeed not all options, such as a Management Takeover, had been considered.
to state the reasons for the action	
to consult interested parties where appropriate and practicable	No consultation with service users, schools, parents or staff took place in advance of the decision being made
to consult appropriate officers and to seek their professional advice	Whilst Officers at County Hall were consulted no opportunity was given for staff at the centres to contribute towards the decision
to show due respect for human rights, and to	Staff at the centres were given no opportunity to contribute or comment on a decision which

provide equality of opportunity	will, potentially, significantly impact on their lives and careers.
to obtain best value and operate efficiently, effectively and economically	
to serve Wiltshire communities and to work in partnership with other agencies having the same aim	
to promote the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the county	
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.	The council runs a number of projects to support the county's young people including the Gifted and Talented Programme. The closure of these centres, which in themselves are a cherished and valued asset of the people of Wiltshire, will potentially put these programmes at risk.

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

On the day following the decision (Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March) I wrote to the Cabinet Member setting out my concerns regarding the Gifted and Talented Programme, stating my concerns and saying I was considering a Call-In as an option.

As of the time of writing this Call-In request (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April) I have not even received an acknowledgement of my request from the Cabinet Member, let alone a response.

**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.

I would like to see the Cabinet reconsider this decision, following listening to the feedback of parents, children/young people and schools.

I would also like to see serious consideration given to working with staff to look at how a separate organisation could be established to run the centres.

**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, Head of Democracy, [paul.kelly@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:paul.kelly@wiltshire.gov.uk), Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN

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