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Report Number **OS/22/02**

**To:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 13 July 2022  
**Status:** Non – executive decision  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council  
**Responsible Officer:** Susan Priest, Chief Executive

**SUBJECT:** CALL – IN OF DECISION NO: 22/015 RELATING TO FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT HIGH STREET FUND

**SUMMARY:** Decision number 22/015 relating to the Folkestone and Hythe District High Street Fund has been called – in. This report sets out the call – in and requests the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider it in accordance with the council’s constitution.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To receive and note report OS/22/02.
2. To consider the call –in and to resolve what the committee’s conclusions are on it in accordance with the council’s constitution, as highlighted in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 On Monday 20 June 2022, the Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) determined that the call in of the decision made on 15 June 2022, numbered 22/015 was valid.
- 1.2 The decision relates an application recommended for approved funding via the Folkestone and Hythe High Street Fund initiative and gave confirmation for the grant award. The decision notice and accompanying report (C/22/15) is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The decision has been called in by Councillors Shoob, McConville and Fuller. The details of the call-in are set out at Appendix 2 to this report.

## **2. PROCEDURE**

- 2.1 The meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is being held outside of the normal 10 day timeframe for a call-in, as set out in the constitution, as a reasonable adjustment agreed by all parties in order to accommodate annual leave.
- 2.2 The Committee, in accordance with the constitution, must consider the decision and the reasons for call-in. The Committee may invite the decision taker and a representative of those calling in the decision to attend the meeting to provide information.
- 2.2 The Committee may then come to one of the following conclusions:
  - a) That the challenge to the decision should be taken no further and the decision may be implemented.
  - b) That the decision is contrary to the policy or budget framework and should therefore be referred to the Council. In such a case the committee must set out its reasoning for the Council to consider.
  - c) That the matter should be referred back to the decision taker for reconsideration. In such a case the committee must set out its reasoning for the decision taker to consider.
- 2.3 Additional background information for Committee is provided as Appendix 3.
- 2.4 The Committee is therefore asked to consider the call – in.

## **3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 3.1 The risks are set out in report C/22/15.

## **4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS**

### **4.1 Legal Officer's Comments**

These are set out in report C/22/15.

#### 4.2 **Finance Officer's Comments**

These are set out in report C/22/15.

#### 4.3 **Diversities and Equalities Implications**

These (if any) are set out in report C/22/15.

### 5. **CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

***None.***

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Decision number 22/015 and report No C/22/15.

Appendix 2 - Call – in form signed by three members.

Appendix 3 - The Looker Grant Application Assessment