

Notice of 'Call-In'

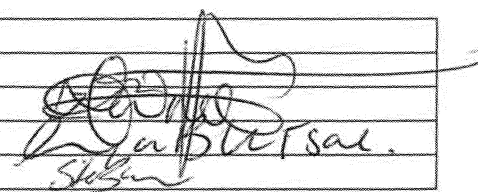
**Committee:** Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**1. Decision Subject To Call-In:**

**Title: Details inc date**  
 RECYCLING AND WASTE SERVICE POST 2024 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**2. Member(s) of the Committee Wishing to Call the Decision In**

Name
Councillor Martin Williams
Cllr Amanda Williams
Cllr Freya Bletsoe – Chair Scrutiny Committee 2
Cllr Steven Bletsoe



**3. Reasons for the Call-In**

Various Reasons See Below:

- The report presented to cabinet did not contain sufficient information for Cabinet to make a fully informed decision nor did they seek additional information through questioning.
  - There was no presentation of the alternative options that could be considered, for example the service could be brought in-house and managed directly rather than procuring a 'short-term' interim contract between 2024 & 2026.
  - There was no indication of the procurement costs that would be incurred. Neither was there a cost benefit analysis between a short-term contract and an in-house option (because the in-house option hadn't been considered).
  - The paper did not consider alternatives to procuring the plant and existing fleet from Kier. No consideration was given to alternative options such as procuring an 'all in contract' or leasing an alternative fleet (potentially a low emission fleet for example).
  - Aside from the estimated additional cost of 'HVO' fuel the cabinet made a decision without a full understanding of the costs.
  - There was insufficient scrutiny or questioning of the decision to proceed with HVO fuel despite an additional revenue cost of £75k pa. Given the current cost of living crisis such an increase in revenue expenditure without any obvious direct benefit should have been given much further scrutiny. The Cabinet Member for Future Generations and Wellbeing did ask if the HVO would be from primary or recycled sources, but the Director for Communities was unable to answer.

- In summary, the paper was presented as a fait accompli, the cabinet failed to challenge the assumptions made in the paper. There was no consideration of alternative options in either the paper or the cabinet's deliberations. There was no financial information within the paper for the cabinet to understand the financial implications of their decision nor did they request it. The cabinet did not properly consider budgetary implications of the HVO fuel proposal against a backdrop of a wider cost of living crisis and further budget pressures. The Director of communities was also unable to confirm the source of the 'HVO' fuel.
- The decision has not been properly considered and requires further scrutiny.

**4. Date of Call-In: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022**