
Meeting: Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 22 October 2013
Subject: Call-in of Executive Decision
Summary: The report provides Members with details of a call-in of an Executive Decision relating to the Central Bedfordshire Next Generation Network.

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Public/Exempt: Public, although Appendix A to the Executive report contains exempt information under category number 3 "information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)".
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Executive

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The implications of signing up to the Central Bedfordshire Next Generation Network are set out in detail in the Executive report appended including the implications of choosing not to implement the recommended approach.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. **that the sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee receives the call-in and having considered the reasons given either:-**
 - (a) **refer the matter back to the Executive for reconsideration, normally in time for its next scheduled meeting, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns and any alternative recommendations;**
 - or**
 - (b) **decide to take no further action, in which case the original Executive decision will be effective immediately.**

Background

1. At their meeting on 10 September 2013 the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a presentation on the proposed Central Bedfordshire Next Generation Network. The Committee discussed in detail several concerns, which were brought to the attention of the Executive on 24 September 2013 (detailed in Appendix A):-
2. At their meeting on 24 September the Executive resolved "that the award of the contract for the supply of Network and Telephony services to Central Bedfordshire Council through the Essex County Council NGN (Next Generation Network) contract be approved."

3. The decision of the Executive has been called in by two Members of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for determination. The call in form (Appendix B) sets out the reasons for the call in and the alternative course of action and recommendations proposed.

Conclusion

4. Members are requested to consider whether the matter should be referred back to the Executive or to decide to take no further action. The decision relates to an Executive function on which only the Executive can ultimately decide the matter, therefore having sought the advice of the Monitoring Officer the matter may not be referred to full Council.

Appendices

Appendix A: Report to the Executive dated 24 September 2013

Appendix B: Call-in form

Background reports:

Minutes of the Corporate Resources OSC dated 24 September 2013 (can be viewed at any time on the Council's website) at the following address:-

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=779&MId=4438&Ver=4>