

## Appendix **B**

**Please state:**

### **1. The reasons for call-in -**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were not given sufficient information about this proposal to make an informed decision. No detailed financial assessments were provided and the details of the contract were not available. No independent assessments were provided and officers were not prepared to give answers to the questions raised by members of the committee. Concerns raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were ignored.

### **2. The alternative course of action or recommendations proposed -**

Alternative Courses of Action:

- 1) Provide the committee with a detailed financial analysis of why and how savings would be made through this contract.
- 2) Provide detailed information about the cancellation of this contract including the costs and implications involved.
- 3) Request the attendance of the Chief Procurement Office for Central Bedfordshire Council at the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee in order to be given an explanation for why this decision did not go through a normal tender process.
- 4) Request that Central Bedfordshire Council seek three separate quotes for the services being offered by Essex Council and that these be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 5) Request that Central Bedfordshire Council sign a 3 year contract with a view to extension rather than a 10 year contract with an option to cancel
- 6) Request that this contract be subject to an independent review from experts in the field and these/this expert prepare and submit a report personally to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 7) Request that this contract be reviewed by full council and be subject to full council debate.