

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to Scrutiny Board

**Date**                    **22 December 2016**

**Report of:**            **Head of Democratic Services**

**Subject:**             **CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION No. 1855: TRAFFIC  
MANAGEMENT**

#### **SUMMARY**

Call-in can be triggered by three non-Executive members giving due notice to the Chief Executive Officer before the end of the call-in period. A call-in was received on Friday 9 December 2016 relating to the decision made at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 5 December 2016. The call-in relates to the decision of the Executive regarding the Traffic Management Agency Agreement.

This matter is now referred to the Scrutiny Board to determine. The options open to the Scrutiny Board are:-

- (a) to accept the decision made by the Executive, in which case the decision can be implemented; or
- (b) to request that the Executive reconsiders the decision, giving reasons for such a request.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. At the meeting held on Monday 5 December 2016, it was resolved that the Executive:
  - (a) approved the termination of the current traffic management agreement with Hampshire County Council; and
  - (b) approved to continue funding the provision of deploying speed limit reminder signs with a budget of £8,000 per annum.
2. On Friday 9 December 2016, the Chief Executive Officer received a valid call-in request signed by Councillors R H Price, JP, S Cunningham and Mrs K K Trott. The reasons for the call-in, contained within the formal notice, are that levels of service delivery could drop if the service is handed back to Hampshire County Council, with customer satisfaction falling and an increase in traffic related problems. A copy of the call-in notice is included at Appendix A.
3. As a notice of call-in has been received, the implementation of the decision stands suspended until the matter has been reviewed by the Scrutiny Board.
4. The information contained within the call-in notification now needs to be considered by the Scrutiny Board. This has been identified as information that is within the public arena and matters which are considered as exempt from publication.

## **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC**

5. The reasons given within the call-in letter that state the information is already in the public arena are as follows:-
  - i. The public have been accustomed to an excellent service from Fareham Borough Council;
  - ii. In the main, the needs of residents have been satisfied;
  - iii. If services go to the County, the service could reduce and public will be dissatisfied. Bad publicity could come back on Fareham Borough Council;
  - iv. Traffic problems are increasing: this action could give us extra problems;
  - v. Extra cost is only £53,200. With the will of the Council, this could be found for this much needed service.
6. To assist the Scrutiny Board in its review of the decision, a copy of the report considered by the Executive in relation to this matter is included at Appendix B (reference Traffic Management Agency Agreement), together with a copy of the record of the Executive decision 2016/17 1855 at Appendix C.

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

7. Within the call-in notice there is an additional reason which has been identified as a confidential item which is exempt from publication. Where appropriate, this matter will be considered in private session.
8. To further assist the Scrutiny Board in its review of the decision, a copy of the confidential appendix to the report considered by the Executive is provided to members of the Scrutiny Board at Confidential Appendix D.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

9. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

## **CONCLUSION**

10. On considering this matter, the Scrutiny Board will need to decide if it wishes to accept the decision made by the Executive, in which case the decision can be implemented; or request that the Executive reconsiders the decision, giving reasons for such a request.

### **Appendices:**

- A:** Call-in notice - setting out reasons for call-in (*Contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972*)
- B:** Report to Executive 5 December 2016 and Appendix A – Traffic Management Agency Agreement
- C:** Decision Sheet 2016/17 1855
- D:** Confidential Appendix B linked to Report to Executive 5 December 2016 – Traffic Management Agency Agreement (*Contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972*)

### **Enquiries:**

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