

Cllr Paul Honeywood
Chairman of Resources & Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

20 August 2024

Dear Councillor Paul Honeywood

Delegated Power Ref: *(Part 3 of the Constitution, Schedule 3 (Responsibility of Executive Functions) Section 4.2.2 Role of Leader and Individual Portfolio Holders Responsibility No.6 – To consult with the Committees, other Members, partners and stakeholders including the public as appropriate in the formulation and development of Council policy within their portfolio. Part 3.41)*
Request for Consent to gain Exemption from Call-in Procedure

We propose to make the following executive decision: -

To formally agree the format and design of the Careline consultation (in consultation with the Assistant Director for Partnerships and the Assistant Director for Governance).

At its meeting on the 26th of July, Cabinet resolved the following: -

a) notes the outcome of the review of the service as set out in *(item 37; Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Partnerships Portfolio Holder - A.8 - Tending's Careline Service Review and appendices)* and agrees the decision in principle to adopt Option 2, to cease the telecare and lifting/response provision of the Careline Service, in its entirety, including service delivery under third-party contracts and that the remaining service provision will solely relate to the Council's Out-of-Hours and CCTV service;

b) subject to a) above, the necessary consultation to be undertaken with customers, residents and key stakeholders. This consultation to be based upon balancing best value principles with the needs of our existing customers, who now have a wider range of options available on the open market, at more comparable rates than the Council can continue to supply the service for.

c) subject to (a) and (b) delegates the format and design of the consultation to the Leader, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships in consultation with the Assistant Director for Partnerships and the Assistant Director for Governance.

d) agrees the Communication and Engagement Plan with an overriding objective to encourage and support active engagement with services users to understand the principles of Option 2 and the alternative providers available, as well as understanding why Option 2 is the preferred option.

Any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest for the following reasons: -

A delay in the authority's ability to commence consultation with Careline Customers, key Stakeholders, and residents on the proposals as outlined in the Cabinet Report 26 July 2024.

This consultation is based upon balancing best value principles with the needs of our existing customers, who now have a wider range of options available on the open market, at more comparable rates than the Council can continue to supply the service for.

We therefore propose that the decision should be exempt from the call-in procedure by virtue of Rule 18(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution. We would be grateful if you would sign, scan and email or post the attached Consent Form back to Katie Wilkins, Head of People, indicating whether you agree with this course of action.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Gina Placey, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships
Cllr Mark Stephenson, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance and
Leader of the Council

Notes: (1) Delete as applicable; (2) If decision to be taken by Cabinet, insert name and title of Leader.

Katie Wilkins
Head of People

Dear Katie

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I refer to the letter from Cllr Gina Placey and Cllr Mark Stephenson dated 20 August 2024 concerning exercising the above delegated power in relation to the format and design of the Careline consultation process.

In view of the urgency of this decision, I note that they wish to gain an exemption from the call-in process by virtue of Rule 18(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution.

I agree / ~~do not agree~~* that the decision is reasonable in all the circumstances and that an exemption from the call-in procedure should be applied in this case.



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Cllr Paul Honeywood
Chairman, Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

20th August 2024

Dated

* *Please delete as appropriate.*

To avoid a delay in the authority's ability to commence consultation with Careline Customers, key Stakeholders, and residents on the proposals as outlined in the Cabinet Report 26 July 2024.

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