Rother District Council

Report to	-	Cabinet
Date	-	14 May 2018
Report of the	-	Executive Director
Subject	-	Call-in and Urgency Procedures

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23 April 2018, considered a report on the Council's Call-in and Urgency Procedures. The recommendation and minute arising is reproduced below.

Recommendation to COUNCIL: That the call-in procedure be amended to enable any two non-executive Members of the Council to call-in a decision with effect from the new civic year and the Constitution be amended accordingly.

OSC17/58. CALL-IN AND URGENCY PROCEDURES

The Committee received the report of the Executive Director on the Council's Call-In and Urgency Procedures. In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Rule 17 (b) of the Constitution, the operation of the provisions relating to call-in and urgency was monitored annually through a report submitted to full Council via the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC).

The Call-In procedure was the mechanism by which the Council's OSC could challenge decisions made by the Executive that were not yet implemented. Thirteen Executive meetings had been held during the period of the report from 13 March 2017 up until 12 February 2018. The OSC had found it necessary to call-in only one Executive decision for further scrutiny and two decisions, within the approved budget and policy framework had been deemed and resolved as urgent.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the call-in procedure, in principle, was working satisfactorily however the Committee requested an amendment be made that any two non-executive Members of Council who need not be Members of the OSC be able to call-in a decision with effect from the new civic year and the Constitution be amended accordingly.

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda Item 6.1).

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