

REPORT TO:	Customers Performance Resources & Governance Scrutiny Committee
REPORT NO:	HCCS/13/16s
DATE:	Wednesday 3 February 2016
LEAD MEMBER:	n/a
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SUBJECT:	Call In of Executive Board Decision of 12 January 2016 'The Former Groves High School Site'
WARD:	Maesydre

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider a call in notice relating to a decision taken by the Executive Board on 12 January 2016 in relation to the former Groves High School site.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report outlines the validity of a call in of an Executive Board decision. It explains the procedures to be followed and the options available for the Scrutiny Committee in respect of the Notice of Call In.
- 2.2 On 25th January 2016 the Head of Corporate & Customer Services (HCCS) received a Notice of Call In of the Executive Board decision taken on 12 January 2016. This decision and the reasons for making it were as follows:-

AGREED -

- (i) That the Head of Assets and Economic Development be authorised to take the necessary steps to remove any remaining asbestos from the former Grove Park County School for Girls' building.

- (ii) That the Head of Assets and Economic Development be authorised to take the necessary steps to demolish the former Grove Park County School for Girls' building, to clear the site in order to secure it for future development.

Reason for decisions

To enable the Council to remove and make safe a derelict property to provide land for future education development in order to provide for the projected demand for school places in Wrexham town centre.

- 2.3 The Committee is asked to consider the case for referring the decision back to the Executive Board for reconsideration.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee considers the reasons for Call In of the decision of the Executive Board of 12 January 2016 relating to The Former Groves High School Site.**
- 3.2 The Committee decides whether to refer the decision, in whole or in part, back to the Executive Board for reconsideration.**
- 3.3 If the Committee decides to refer the decision back to the Executive Board, it identifies the reasons for doing so from those listed in the Notice of Call In.**

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) To comply with the procedures relating to call in as defined in the Council's Constitution (Standing Order 43) of the Council's current Standing Orders.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 On 25 January 2016, the Head of Corporate & Customer Services received a Notice of Call In of the Executive Board decision of 12 January 2016 relating to – The Former Groves High School Site.
- 4.2 The decision notice relating to this matter and reasons for the decision are stated in Paragraph 2.2 above.
- 4.3 The Head of Corporate & Customer Services (HCCS) confirmed that the Notice of Call In complied with Standing Order 43 and informed the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive that the decision may not be implemented until the Call In process has concluded.
- 4.4 The Call In meeting has to be convened within a timescale which will enable any referral of the decision back to the Executive Board to be included in the statutory notice for the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Board on 9th February.

4.5 Attached to this report are the following:

Appendix 1

Notice of Call In received by HCCS on 25 January 2016

Appendix 2

Report HAED/04/16 of Lead Member (Organisation - Finance, Performance & Governance) 'The Former Groves High School Site'

4.6 The Committee is requested to consider the information referred to above. The signatories of the Call In Notice have been notified of this meeting and invited to attend the meeting to present the case for a referral of the decision back to the Executive Board for reconsideration

Following consideration of the Executive Board decision and the reasons for the Call In, the Committee must consider whether to refer the decision back to the Executive Board for reconsideration

4.7 Should the Committee decide to support the Call In and refer the decision back to the Executive Board for reconsideration, the Committee must identify which of the reasons given in the Notice are relevant to its recommendation. The Chair of the scrutiny committee will present a report to the next meeting of the Executive Board outlining the reasons for not supporting the original executive decision and requesting reconsideration of the decision in whole or in part as specified in the report. Should the Executive Board reaffirm its original decision in whole or in part, the decision may be implemented immediately. That decision may not be the subject of a further call in.

4.8 Should the Committee decide **not** to support the Call in to refer the decision back to the Executive Board for reconsideration, the Head of Corporate & Customer Services will advise the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive that the decision may be implemented immediately thereafter.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 **Policy Framework** – This report has been prepared in line with the requirements for Call In as detailed in the Council's Constitution.

5.2 **Budget** – There are no budgetary implications in relation to this report.

5.3 **Legal** – There are no legal implications in relation to this report.

5.4 **Staffing** – There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – Report HAED/04/16 of Lead Member (Organisation - Finance, Performance & Governance) 'The Former Groves High School Site' was subject to an EIA which is available at <http://vmwinsqld/equalityisalive/Menu.aspx> report number [EIA00090/2015]. The report stated that as the building is currently vacant there was no impact recorded within the assessment.

5.6 **Risks** - There are no issues relating to this report.

6 CONSULTATION

Not applicable to this report.

7 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

- 7.1 Option 1** - The Committee may decide that the decision should not be referred back to the Executive Board for reconsideration. In this case the decision may be implemented.
- 7.2 Option 2** - The Committee may decide that the decision should be referred back to the Executive Board. In this case the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee will present a report to the Executive Board outlining the reasons for not supporting the decision and the basis for requesting reconsideration of the decision in whole or in part as specified in the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO.
Wrexham Council Constitution (Standing Order 43)	Council website	http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/council/documents/constitution.htm