

Appendix D - Amendment to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules

The proposed amendment aims to simplify the call in arrangements contained within the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules. The proposed amendment is set out below:

13 Call-in

(c) within five working days of publication of an executive decision, three councillors may request reconsideration of that decision (call-in). The request must:

- (i) be in writing;*
- (ii) be signed by the councillors concerned;*
- (iii) be based on one or more of the following reasons, details of which should be given:*
 - decision outside the policy/budgetary framework;*
 - inadequate consultation relating to the decision;*
 - relevant information not considered;*
 - viable alternatives not considered;*
 - justification for the decision open to challenge on the basis of evidence considered;*

(d) ~~in order to meet the political balance requirements of S15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, where a political group comprises only 3 or 2 Councillors, and where there are no other minority groups or independent Councillors on the Council, the requirement for three Councillors to request reconsideration of the decision (call-in) is reduced to 2 (where the group comprises 3 Councillors) and to 1 (where the group comprises 2 Councillors);~~ Where there are three or fewer non-majority group councillors then two signatures are required to call-in a decision. Where there are four or more non-majority group councillors then three signatures are required to call-in a decision. In both cases, signatories can also sit on the Call-In Panel provided that their view on the matter is not pre-determined.