

## **Redditch Borough Council: The Call-in Process**

### **Overview**

Overview and Scrutiny members have the power to call-in a decision that has been made by the Executive Committee and to refer it back for further consideration.

When the Executive Committee makes a decision, it is published in a Decision Notice as soon as possible after the meeting. Each decision comes into effect after seven working days of the publication date unless it is called-in.

Call-in may also challenge the exercise of authority of the Executive Committee, in terms of its acting within the Council's Policy and Budget Framework.

### **Call-In process**

Within the five day period, the Committee, or any three non-executive Members of the Council, may call-in the decision if they have reason to suspect that any of the principles of decision making, as laid out in Article 13 of the Constitution, has been contravened. These principles are as follows: proportionality; due consultation; respect for human rights; openness; clarity of aims and outcomes; giving reasons for the decision and explaining what other options were considered.

Within five days of the call-in, a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be held to review the decision. If it is decided that the decision should be referred back to the decision maker, it must be addressed at the next appropriate meeting of the Executive Committee.

### **When does Call-In Apply?**

Call-in relates to decisions taken by the Executive. Decisions are recorded as 'RESOLVED' items in the Executive Committee's Decision notice and Minutes. Although not technically a "call-in", Overview and Scrutiny may also require to scrutinise any proposals for policy change being submitted to the Council.