

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Call-in of Mayor and Cabinet Decision – Lewisham Homes Articles Amendment	
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes	Item No.
<b>Ward</b>	All	
<b>Contributors</b>	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 27 March 2019

## 1. Summary

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of a call-in and associated comments agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 19 March 2019 in accordance with Paragraph 14 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

## 2. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Mayor and Cabinet of the reasons agreed for the call-in and to ask them to reconsider a decision made on “Lewisham Homes Articles Amendment”.

## 3. Recommendation

The Mayor and Cabinet is requested to respond to the call-in made by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel as described in paragraph 5 below.

## 4. Background

- 4.1 At a meeting of the Mayor and Cabinet held on 19 March 2019, the Mayor and Cabinet considered a report entitled “Lewisham Homes Articles Amendment”. The Mayor & Cabinet considered an officer report and in accordance with the Constitution, this decision was notified to all members of the Business Panel within 2 days of being made.

## 5. Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel – Reasons for Call-in

- 5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel considered the Mayor and Cabinet decision, and the original officer report.
- 5.2 Following the presentation from the Housing Policy and Partnership Manager, Panel Members were concerned that the rationale behind the change in the composition of the Board was not clear. They also questioned whether there was a governance review that resulted in this change.
- 5.3 Business Panel resolved to call in the Mayor and Cabinet decision asking them to consider the issues described below:

- i. Business Panel have specific concerns and agreed the call-in to enable Mayor and Cabinet to be more fully appraised by officers of the background to, and reason for Recommendation 2;

“Instruct the Council Representative to sign a written resolution by the Member of Lewisham Homes giving effect to this change with immediate effect”

- ii. Business Panel would like Mayor and Cabinet to ask officers to further clarify for the purposes of good governance and perception, practices in place to deal with any likely examples of potential conflict of interest at the Board.

## **6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1 The Council’s Constitution provides that where the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel requests that the Mayor & Cabinet reconsider a decision it shall not become effective until it has been done. There may be no further call-in of the decision.
- 6.2 It is essential that a decision is made on consideration of all relevant information and ignoring irrelevancies. On this basis a decision must not be one which no reasonable authority could come to.

## **7. Financial implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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