

CALL-IN REQUEST

A request for a decision of the Executive to be scrutinised by a Scrutiny Committee must be made in writing or by e-mail (preferably using this form). The request must identify the decision and state the reason(s) for requesting the review.

A call-in will be triggered if two or more councillors ask for the same decision to be scrutinised formally. If only one member calls in a decision, the matter will be placed on the agenda for the next programmed meeting of the Committee for discussion.

Unless both the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Executive are satisfied that it must be implemented urgently, the decision which is subject to a call-in shall not be implemented until the call-in procedure has been completed.

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| Date of meeting of the Executive | Tuesday, 25 January 2022 |
| Deadline for receipt of call-in request | 5pm on Wednesday, 2 February 2022. |
| Report Heading | Review of Parking Fees and Charges |
| Decision (or part thereof) which is to be scrutinised | Decision to introduce Car Parking charges in Chobham village/ Chobham Meadows SANGs car park |
| Element(s) of the decision which cause concern | <p>The location of the TBHSPA means that levels of development in surrounding authorities has led to potential for recreational pressure and disturbance arising from other authorities.</p> <p>The 'Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Delivery Framework' published by the Thames Basin Heaths Joint Strategy Partnership Board in January 2009. These documents aim to allow a strategic approach to accommodating development by providing a method through which local authorities can meet the requirements of the Habitats Regulations through avoidance and mitigation measures. Natural England provides guidance for the provision and management of SANGs. Its provisions should be taken into account. One of the underlying principals is that SANGs should be a more attractive alternative to the SPA/ SSSI . The introduction of car parking in this location will erode the attractiveness of the SANGs and may drive dog walkers (particularly commercial dog walkers) on the common.</p> <p>The council has not been able to evidence that the cost of the car park has not already been at least partly off set by the SANGS management plan as no detailed cost allocation has been made available for this site beyond the initial set up – which showed payments of works impacting the car park area.</p> |

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| Reason for requesting call-in | <p>Evidence not provided to show costs for the car park and/ or any contribution under the SANGs management plan.</p> <p>The original business plan that came to the council to support the use of Chobham Meadows as a suitable area for SANGs made particular reference to the two hours free parking</p> <p>The introduction of charges after one hour will be detrimental to the attractiveness of the area for SANGs and is not in keeping with the Councils treatment of all other SANGS within the Borough.</p> |
| Outcome sought | <p>For the status quo to remain until such time that the council is able to evidence that no contributions have been made as part of the SANGs management plan toward the upkeep of the car park and evidence is provided that the introduction of car parking charges will not have a negative impact on visitors use of the SANGS</p> <p>And for the matter to be referred to the Performance and Finance committee for scrutiny of the SANGs business case/ management plan and outcome of the survey to be scrutinised.</p> |
| Potential witnesses (if any) to be called | |
| Signature <i>(if not sent by e-mail)</i> | Councillor Victoria Wheeler |

*Notice must be given to the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on the fifth working day after the receipt of the summary of the Executive decisions (usually the Wednesday the following week). **Please therefore send this notification to the Monitoring Officer (monitoring.officer@surreyheath.gov.uk) with a copy to the Democratic Services Manager (democratic.services@surreyheath.gov.uk).***