

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.

Date of meeting of the Executive	Tuesday, 15 November 2022
Deadline for receipt of call-in request	5pm on Wednesday, 23 November 2022.
Report Heading	Council contributions to Collectively Camberley Limited
Decision (or part thereof) which is to be scrutinised	<p>The Executive RESOLVED that</p> <p>(i) approval be given for additional in-year budget of £55,000 through a supplementary estimate for a one-off grant to be awarded to Collectively Camberley Limited in order to contribute towards the delivery of events to support the economic prosperity of the town centre;</p> <p>(iii) authority be delegated to the Strategic Director Environment and Community in consultation with the Economic Development & Transformation Portfolio Holder to award the grant, subject to the provision of a costed business case.</p>
Element(s) of the decision which cause concern	<p>The £55k of public spending proposed to be spent as outlined in the report namely lifesize animal models, a beach party and a Christmas fancy dress pub crawl.</p> <p>A proposed alternative at the meeting of a bands night is not appropriate spending either as this would benefit large chains at a time when venues are already busy.</p> <p>Whilst Collectively Camberley have delivered several positive events, there was no rationale or business plan given as to why these specific initiatives or events would result in any benefit to the Council or to</p>

	Camberley Town Centre or the value of any such benefits.
Reason for requesting call-in	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This is a waste of public money at a time when residents and the Council are struggling with cost of living and inflation. 2) Some of the proposals are contrary to other Council initiatives such as addressing public health and obesity. 3) No obvious consultation with other relevant partners such as the Police or local residents. 4) Lack of any business plan or detail outlining benefits to the Council.
Outcome sought	<p>That whilst there is no objection to the capital spending of £5k, the specific allocation of this £55k on animal models, pub crawl, band night and beach party is reconsidered and rejected.</p> <p>That the Executive be advised that any discretionary grant to Collectively Camberley can only be given if the following applies:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That it does not breach any Council policy or be contrary to other Council initiative - That a costed business plan must be submitted in advance of any decision to grant monies and not afterwards. This must include details of any potential wider costs such as litter clearance and environmental impact that may be associated with the event or activity. - That there must be clear benefit to the Council of the event or activity. - That it would not bring the Council into disrepute. - That the Council would not grant discretionary funding towards the provision of free or subsidised alcohol.
Potential witnesses (if any) to be called	
Signature (if not sent by e-mail)	Rodney Bates

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).**