

Executive Scrutiny Committee

2 June 2009

Minutes



	<p>Members Present: Councillors David Yarrow (Chairman), Brian Crowe and John Riley</p> <p>Representative Member for Education Issues: Tony Little</p> <p>Apologies: Councillor Edward Lavery</p> <p>Officer Present: Khalid Ahmed.</p>		
	<p>Declarations of Interest: None.</p>		
	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2009 Agreed as an accurate record.</p>		
	<p>Exclusion of the press and public: It was agreed that all items of business were considered in public.</p>		
1.	<p>Decisions of Cabinet – To consider the decisions made at the Cabinet meeting on 28 May 2009</p> <p>Members noted that at the informal meeting of this Committee which had met after the Cabinet meeting on 28 May 2009 there had been no requests from Members for further information on clarification on any Cabinet report.</p>		
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	<p>asked to email or telephone Democratic Services on whether they were content with the information supplied or whether they recommended the calling –in of the particular item. The majority of the Committee Members would have to agree to the call-in request for it to proceed.</p> <p>If an item was called in, another formal meeting of the Committee would take place on the Tuesday (or the Thursday at the latest) of the following week after Cabinet, where relevant officers and the relevant Cabinet Member, if appropriate, would be invited to discuss the called-in item.</p> <p>The suggested changes would require a change to both the Council’s timetable of meetings and the Constitution in respect of the rules of procedure relating to Call-ins.</p> <p>Members were informed that the proposed changes if approved would come into effect pending full Council approval on 2 July and the first formal meeting of the Executive Scrutiny Committee would be on 16 July, at the rising of the Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>Resolved –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That, subject to the approval of the Leader of the Council, Council be recommended to agree the amendments to the rules of procedure relating to Call-In as outlined above. 2. That subject to Council’s approval of the changes to the rules of procedure relating to Call-in, the Council’s timetable of meetings be amended so that formal meetings of this Committee take place after Cabinet meetings. 	<p>Khalid Ahmed</p> <p>Khalid Ahmed</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 7.35pm Next meeting: Informal Executive Scrutiny Committee – 25 June 2009 at the rising of Cabinet</p>	

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Khalid Ahmed on 01895 250833. Circulation of these minutes are to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.