

Call-in Reasons for Rejection

A call-in request relating to the Small Schools proposals <https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=891> has been considered and rejected by the Monitoring Officer.

The Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the reasons for the rejection of the call-in request as set out below.

Reasons for rejection

The Monitoring Officer confirms that the request for a call-in of the decision of the Cabinet in relation to Small Schools Proposals received on 30 April 2020 has been rejected.

The key factors in determining whether to accept a call-in request as outlined in Standing Orders are as follows:

1. The item has already been considered by the relevant Scrutiny Committee
2. Significant new information has become available since previous Scrutiny Committee consideration;
3. It is a decision that the Committee can or would expect to preview;
4. A delay in making the decision would be likely to significantly damage the interests of the County Council.

Monitoring Officer's Assessment

I have considered the content, rationale and purpose of the decision, the grounds given for call-in and the information and advice considered by both the Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet ahead of the decision that was taken. None of the factors set out in Standing Order 8.01 were referred to in the request. The Scrutiny Committee considered the proposals and the Committee's recommendations were referred to in the call-in request, demonstrating that the proposals have been fully scrutinised. The request does not reference that any new information has come to light since the Scrutiny Committee considered the proposals on 14 April. The Cabinet listened to the recommendations raised by the Scrutiny Committee during its debate, and the concerns raised through scrutiny were addressed in the decision.

I have therefore concluded that no valid grounds for a call-in have been provided in accordance with Standing Orders and as nothing has changed since the proposals were scrutinised a call-in cannot be justified.

For these reasons the request is declined