

Runnymede Borough Council – Call-In Request Form

1. Decision to be called in: (Required)

Corporate Management Committee meeting of the 23rd March 2023. Agenda item 8. Establishment of an Appointment Sub-Committee – Chief Executive.

2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 12 of the constitution has not been applied? (Required)

Required by Standing Order 27.8 (a) and Section 12(a) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the constitution – Tick all that applies:

(a) Proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	Yes
(b) Due consultation and taking of professional advice from Officers;	
(c) Respect for human rights;	
(d) A presumption in favour of openness;	Yes
(e) Clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	Yes

3. Desired outcome

(a) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to refer the decision back to the decision making Committee or Sub-Committee for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	Yes
(b) The Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee refer the matter to full Council with any comments and recommendations it wishes to make.	

4. Evidence which demonstrates the decision in question was not made in accordance with Article 12 or that Council Policy or legal requirements have been disregarded when the decision was made:

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(e) Clarity of aims and desired outcomes;

The officer's report did not explicitly state that the motion only applied to the period up to 4th May, and that a new selection panel might well need to be constituted after the elections. This would be the case if either nominated members were not re-elected or they ceased to be members of the Corporate Management Committee. The officer's recommendation, which was agreed by the committee, contains no reference to the possibility of the sub-committee needing to be reconstituted, in spite of Cllr Don Whyte requesting that it should do so.

(d) A presumption in favour of openness;

The officer's report was not published until 48 hours before the meeting, which resulted in little time for discussion of the item, in advance of the meeting. No reason has been given as to why this report was delayed.

(a) Proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);

Delaying the long-listing meeting for up to a month would not significantly affect the outcome of the appointment, but it would improve the appointment process. The desired outcome – appointment of chief executive, a decision which would affect the future of the Runnymede Council for years to come, should be made in the best way – if at all possible, with the same sub-committee throughout the process.

5. Signed: (not required if sent by email)

Sian Williams.....

Rhys Davies.....

6. Dated: 28/3/2023