

Call-in requisition form

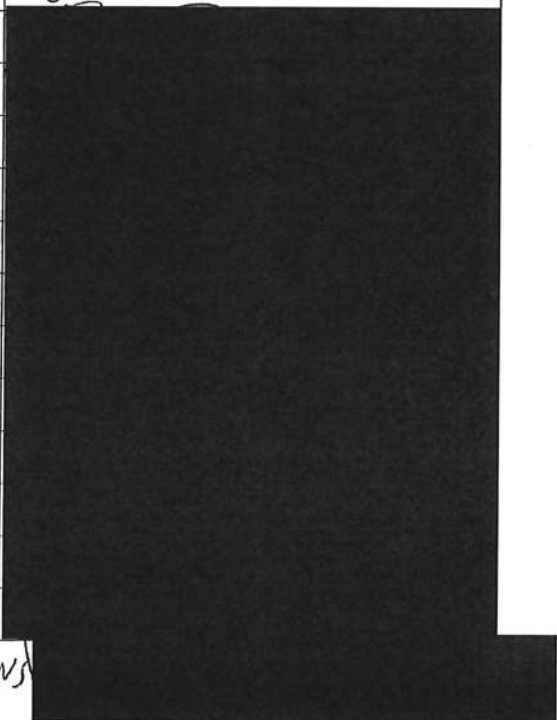
Section 41(1) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 provides that a decision of the Council or one of its Committees can be called in for reconsideration if at least 15% (9 Members) of the total number of Members request it on the basis that the decision:

- (a) was not arrived at after a proper consideration of the relevant facts and issues; and/or
- (b) would disproportionately affect adversely any section of the inhabitants of the district..

We, the undersigned, require that the following decision of the Committee be called in for reconsideration.

Date of Committee meeting	2 nd June 2025			
Minute Heading	PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE			
Section under which call-in is being requested (please tick)	Section 41(1)(a) Procedural grounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 41(1)(b) Community impact grounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	Print name	Signature
Councillor	DEAN H. MCCULLOUGH	
Councillor	SARAH BUNTING	
Councillor	JORDAN DEAN	
Councillor	IAN McLAUGHLIN	
Councillor	FRED COBURN	
Councillor	ANDREW MCCORMICK	
Councillor	FRANK MCCORMICK	
Councillor	JOHN McKEE	
Councillor	SAMMY DOUGLAS	
Councillor	BRADLEY SARGENT	
Councillor	DAVE DOUGLAS	
Councillor	JAMES LAWLOR	

Date 11/06/2025 MICHAEL COLLINS

Reasons for call-in

(Please outline below the reasons why you consider that the decision should be called in. Failure to provide adequate reasons to support your request may invalidate the Call In).

A. Call-in under Section 41(1)(a) – Procedural grounds

That the decision was not arrived at after a proper consideration of the relevant facts and issues

	Reasons
1	The current provider of the service has expressed concern that they were not afforded a fair hearing by the Council at committee level to outline their case.
2	The Committee was not afforded 'proper reasoning' as to why the recommendation presented in May had changed since the original deferral in March – which is good governance and a procedural requirement.
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Explanatory Notes

If the decision is properly requisitioned for Call In by at least 9 Members of the Council and the number of Members so requesting the Call In remains at that number at the expiration of the call in period, the decision will not be submitted to the Council for ratification and the Chief Executive will summon a meeting of an Ad-Hoc Committee comprising the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the 7 Committees.

On a procedural call-in, authority is delegated to the City Solicitor, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to obtain legal to be tabled at the meeting of the ad hoc committee, if it is their view that this will assist in addressing the issues raised within the call-in.

That Ad Hoc Committee will be empowered to make the following decisions on the matter which has been called in:

- (a) Refer the decision back to the Committee which took it for further consideration; or
- (b) Refer the decision of the Committee which originally took it to the next available meeting of the Council for ratification.

The Members who submitted requisitions on the decision called in shall be invited to attend the meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee, which is considering the request and may, with the consent of the Committee, address the meeting but they shall not have voting rights.

The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee where the decision in question was originally taken shall also not have voting rights at the Ad-Hoc Committee which is considering the request.

The following grounds are suggested as legitimate reasons why a Member or Members might seek for a decision to be called in on procedural grounds:

- A. Misapplication/misunderstanding as to legal requirements
- B. Failing to take into account relevant considerations/failure to exclude irrelevant considerations including factual mistake
- C. Failure to follow a procedural requirement

- D. Failure to have a fair hearing
- E. Failure to give reasons

B. Call-In under Section 41(1)(b) – Community impact grounds

That the decision would disproportionately affect adversely any section of the inhabitants of the district

		Reasons
1	The community affected by the decision	The disabled community city-wide.
2	The nature and extent of the disproportionate adverse impact	The decision as agreed is unfair in that the timescale set out for transition is unrealistic for an established city-wide service, given the nature of the live and historic complex welfare cases and appeals currently being dealt with and, as such, this would pose a substantial and adverse risk to current service users who would be greatly impacted upon should the decision stand.

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When the opinion of the solicitor or barrister is received by the Chief Executive she shall:

Where the opinion confirms that the call in has merit

1. circulate the opinion to the Members of Council; and
2. include the decision of the Committee on the agenda for the next available meeting of the full Council for decision.

Please note that the full Council will be required to decide on such a matter by way of a qualified majority vote where at least 80% of the members present and voting will be required to support a decision.

Where the opinion indicates that the call in does not have merit

1. circulate the opinion to the Members of Council; and
2. include the decision on the agenda for the next meeting of the full Council for ratification by way of a simple majority decision.

The following advice is offered to assist Members considering calling in a decision on Community Impact grounds:

- A. The decision or policy was not screened for compliance with Section 75 of the NI Act 1998