



Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Thursday 15th December 2016

Subject: Call in of decision on “China Economic and Civic Programme Update”

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Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

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1.0 Background

1.1 On the 30th November 2016 Cabinet took the following decision:

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the Council’s programme of activity with Sheffield’s Chinese partners;*
- (b) authorises the completion of the required legal documents which will underpin the long-term Strategic Investment Partnership with Guodong following the signing of Heads of Terms in June 2016;*
- (c) notes the expression of interest received from Guodong and authorises entering into a twelve month period of exclusivity to assess the viability of developing a 5 star hotel at the Central Library building on Surrey Street;*
- (d) approves the commencement of the negotiation of terms with Guodong regarding the library building on the principles set-out in the report;*
- (e) in line with the principles outlined in the report, approves the development of options for both the temporary and the permanent relocation of the Central Library Service and the Graves Art Gallery that may be required as a result of the receipt of the hotel expression of interest; and*

(f) notes that the terms of the hotel proposal and the options for any impacted services will be the subject of a future report to Cabinet prior to entering into any binding agreement.

- 1.2 The original report is attached as Appendix A.
- 1.3 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision has been called in, preventing implementation of the decision until it has been considered by this Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.4 There are two Call-In notices at appendix B:
 - 1.4.1 Appendix B1 dated 30.11.2016, stating that the reason for the Call-in is *"To allow further scrutiny of future plans for a city centre library should the current building be ceased as suggested – Also to allow scrutiny and consideration of the future accommodation of Graves gallery and alternative accommodation for users of the library theatre should this go ahead"*.
 - 1.4.2 Appendix B2 dated 05.12.2016, stating that the reason for the call-in is *"to allow scrutiny of the strategic investment partnership agreement with Guodong and the 12 month exclusivity agreement on the potential redevelopment of the Central Library building"*.

2.0 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

As per the Scrutiny Procedure rules, scrutinise the decision and take one of the following courses of action:

- (a) refer the decision back to the decision making body or individual for reconsideration in the light of recommendations from the Committee;
- (b) request that the decision be deferred until the Scrutiny Committee has considered relevant issues and made recommendations to the Executive;
- (c) take no action in relation to the called-in decision but consider whether issues arising from the call-in need to be fed back to the decision maker or added to the work programme of an existing Scrutiny Committee;
- (d) if, but only if (having taken the advice of the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer), the Committee determines that the decision is wholly or partly outside the Budget and Policy Framework, refer the matter, with any recommendations, to the Council after following the procedures in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

(If a Scrutiny Committee decides on (a), (b) or (d) as its course of action, there is a continuing bar on implementing the decision).

2.2 The Scrutiny Procedure rules state that if a decision is referred back, it is referred back to the individual or body that made the decision. In this case the decision maker is Cabinet.

Background Papers

- Appendix A - Cabinet Report: China Economic and Civic Programme Update
- Appendix B1 – call in notice one
- Appendix B2 – call in notice two

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