



# Call In Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Thursday, 9 December 2010 at 7.30 pm**  
Committee Room 4, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane,  
Wembley, HA9 9HD

## Membership:

### Members

Councillors:

Castle (Chair)  
Mrs Bacchus  
Denselow  
Kabir  
Lorber  
Mashari  
Mistry  
BM Patel

### first alternates

Councillors:

Clues  
Van Kalwala  
Beckman  
Long  
Matthews  
McLennan  
Adeyeye  
HB Patel

### Second alternates

Councillors:

Brown  
Sheth  
Hossain  
Chohan  
Allie  
Aden  
Al-Ebadi  
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# Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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**1 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests**

Members are invited to declare, at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on the agenda.

**2 Deputations (if any)**

**3 Call-ins of Executive decisions from the meeting of the Executive held on Monday, 15 November 2010**

Decisions made by the Executive on 15 November 2010 in respect of the following reports were called-in for consideration by the Call-In Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Standing Orders 6(b) and 18.

- a) Disposal of former allotment site adjacent to 19 Elms Gardens, Sudbury, and establishment of new replacement allotment site at Gladstone Park Gardens 1 - 10

The reasons for the call-in are:-

- To consider concerns over an inconsistent policy regarding green space across the borough, review the differences between Coniston Gardens and Elms Gardens in terms of the nature of requests from local residents.
- To consider concerns regarding why no review undertaken to determine whether the site was still required for decanting of Barham Park Estate and to what extent.
- To consider further why the alternative allotment site at Vale Farm was not considered suitable but a site in Gladstone Park was considered acceptable.
- Review implications of selling off green space in an area of public open space deficiencies as stated in report, even if not used for affordable housing.
- Consider over development of site and possibility of sensible split between part development and part retention as green space.
- Consider why Notting Hill Housing Trust did not pursue the Harrow Road petrol station site available a long time ago.

The Executive report is attached. The Lead Member and Lead Officer are invited to the meeting to respond to Members' questions.

b) Libraries Transformation Project

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The reasons for the call-in are:-

- To discuss and explore the further implications of closing 6 libraries and the impact on related services such as Children's Centres.
- To consider the implications for schools and education.
- In the case of Barham Park Library consider implications for the Park and its Green Flag status.
- Consider implications on young people of loss of local study place and request members of the Youth Parliament to comment on this.
- In the case of Neasden library consider the implications of the loss of learning space.
- In the case of Cricklewood and Kensal Rise libraries consider the implications of the covenants and alternative uses of the libraries.
- In the case of Tokyngton library to consider the pedestrian access to the new Civic Centre library from the Monks Park area.
- To consider and receive full information on the size, cost of space, fitting out, opening hours and staffing costs of the proposed Civic Centre library.

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c) Authority to agree recommendations from the London Councils to manage projected overspend on the Taxicard Scheme 19 - 34

The reasons for the call-in are:-

- To initiate discussion to standardise the scheme across boroughs.
- To consider further the impact of the scheme on users in the absence of an Equality Impact Assessment.

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**4 The Executive list of decisions for the meeting that took place on Monday, 15 November 2010 35 - 46**

The list of decisions from the meeting that took place on Monday, 15 November 2010 is attached for information.

## 5 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Call-In Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 5 January 2011 at 7.30 pm in the event of there being any call-ins of decisions made by the Executive on 13 December 2010.

## 6 Any other urgent business

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