

Thurrock Council

Request to call-in an executive decision

Decision title	Resources to support the council's budget process.
Date of decision	11 th October 2023
Who took the decision – for example, Cabinet	Cabinet
Reason for making the call-in – continue on a separate sheet, if necessary	<p>The sum of £800,000 - to be paid to PWC for help with identifying £5.2 million of savings is disproportionate.</p> <p>This sum is around 15% of the savings target and, in effect, means identifying £6 million to stand still.</p> <p>It is not clear why these extra resources are required as the Finance portfolio holder has been clear that the savings needed for next year's budget are "nearly there" and "£7 million for the year after."</p> <p>Given this, the proposed spend of £800,000 does not meet the council's duty to provide Best Value.</p>
Date of call-in request	17 th of October 2023

You can only make a request to call-in a decision if there is evidence that the decision taken was not in accordance with the principles of decision-making, as set out in the Constitution.

Which of the following principles do you believe the decision did not take into account?

- Due regard for the individuals and communities served by Thurrock Council
- Proportionality – this means the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome
- Due consultation in line with the council's consultation strategy
- Respect for human rights
- A presumption in favour of openness
- Clarity of aims and desired outcomes – the link between strategy and implementation
- Consistency with the council's budget and policy framework

Additional Information to support the call-in –
continue on a separate sheet, if necessary

Alternative proposal

Alternative proposal – continue on a separate sheet, if necessary	Work to identify budget savings should continue to be carried out by council officers and members.
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Persons making this call-in

I am / we are:

- An individual elected member for a ward particularly affected by the decision
- The chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee
- Any 2 members of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee
- Any 3 non-executive members of the Council
- Any 10 members of the public, working or studying within the Thurrock Council area
- A voluntary group with interest in the Thurrock Council area
- A local business situated in the Thurrock Council area –
not allowable where the decision relates to procurement of goods and services

Contact information

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When the relevant overview and scrutiny committee considers your call-in, would you like to make a statement or representation at the meeting?

- Yes
- No

Supporters of the call-in

Details of each person indicated as 'persons making this call-in' on page 2 must be entered below.

Number	Name in block capitals, and signature	Address, in block capitals
1.	Cllr Lynn Worrall	C/O Labour Members Room, Thurrock Council.
2.	Cllr Lee Watson	C/O Labour Members Room, Thurrock Council.
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- Democratic Services, Thurrock Council, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL

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Monitoring Officer's decision on the call-in request:

- Allowed in full
- Allowed in part
- Not allowed

Monitoring Officer's reasons for decision	
Monitoring Officer's comments on the alternative proposal	
Signature	
Date	