

Request for a Call In by Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Decision taker:	Combined Authority
Date of publication of decision:	27/07/2017
Title of Decision Called in :	1.7 Officer and Support Structure
Date Decision Called in:	2nd August 2017

	Name	Signature	Date
1.	Cllr R Carter		1 st August 2017
2.	Cllr D Baigent		1 st August 2017
3.	Cllr A Riley		1 st August 2017
4.	Cllr P Hart		1 st August 2017
5.	Cllr T Hayward		1 st August 2017

Detailed Reason(s) for Call-in. *Please detail the reasons below why the Scrutiny Committee should review or scrutinise the decision and consider referring it back to the Board.*

1) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have no wish to hamper the progression of Mayors' and CA plans but believe that it is important that this area of expenditure should be thoroughly examined in order to provide the residents with 'best value for money'. The Committee believes that the level of discussion at the CA meeting was disappointing and the questioning not stringent enough and not commensurate with the importance of the decision.

2) The Committee is concerned that the newly agreed budget figure of £1,800,000 is nearly 25% higher than the original budget figure. This means that the newly elected authority either set a budget that was far too lean or that it did not fully appreciate the tasks that have now apparently emerged.

3) Whilst it is accepted that the suggested salaries will be subject to detailed evaluation they appear to be too high.

4) Insufficient investigation appears to have been carried out to explore how some roles could be shared with other organisations, especially concerning Transport and Infrastructure, Skills and Housing.

5) There are concerns about the level of possible consultants' fees.

Details of Alternative Course of Action or Recommendations you wish to propose.

Please specify what course of action you are proposing should be taken and any recommendations to the Decision Taker that you are proposing should be considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

It is requested that the decisions agreed at item 1.7 be reconsidered after the CEO has met the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when he can explain the actions and financial implications detailed in his paper to the Combined Authority.