



AGENDA ITEM: 9(a)

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
2 February 2012**

Report of: Borough Solicitor

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Directors

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SUBJECT: CALL IN ITEM – ORMSKIRK MOTOR FESTIVAL

Wards affected: Borough wide.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee of the reason for the call in of the decision on the above item, as set out in Minute No. 106 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 17 January 2012.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee determines whether it wishes to ask for a different decision.

2.2 That if the Committee does wish to ask for a different decision, the Committee indicates which of the options set out at paragraph 5.1 below, it wishes to pursue.

3.0 DETAILS RELATING TO THE CALL IN

3.1 The report attached as an Appendix to this report was considered at a meeting of Cabinet on 17 January 2012.

3.2 The decision of Cabinet reads as follows:

“106. ORMSKIRK MOTOR FESTIVAL

Councillor Forshaw introduced the report of the Assistant Director Community Services in which he sought funding for the running of a second MotorFest event organised and managed by the Aintree Circuit Club in Ormskirk Town Centre in 2012.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained in it.

- RESOLVED: A. That sponsorship of up to £17,500 for a second MotorFest event in 2012 be funded from contingencies, offset appropriately by commercial sponsorship or other income generated by the event.
- B. That the Assistant Director Community Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Planning & Technical Services and Health & Leisure be given delegated authority to approve a suitable date in 2012 for the holding of the event by Aintree Circuit Club and to make all appropriate arrangements as necessary.
- C. That a full assessment be made after the running of the second MotorFest event as to the feasibility of running future events”

3.3 The following reason for call in was given in the requisition:

“That funding should be limited to £10,000 for the Ormskirk Motor Festival and £7,500 be provided for a West Lancashire Show.”

3.4 The requisition also provided a different decision which was:

“That resolution A be amended to read:

- A. That sponsorship of up to **£10,000** for a second MotorFest event in 2012 be funded from contingencies, offset appropriately by commercial sponsorship or other income generated by the event **and the other £7,500 identified in the report be used for a 'West Lancashire Show'.**”*

3.5 The following Members of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee signed the requisition for call-in in accordance with the provisions of Overview & Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 15:

Councillor Fillis
Councillor Gagen
Councillor Nolan
Councillor Moran
Councillor R.A. Pendleton

4.0 COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 4.1 The level of funding allocated for the running of the MotorFest is clearly a Cabinet decision, however, I can confirm that to run a successful event again in 2012, on a similar basis to the 2011 event, this would need the full £17,500 level of funding to be made available.
- 4.2 In relation to a “West Lancashire Show”, I am not aware of the existence of, or format for, this show and any initiative would therefore need to be set up from “scratch”. There are currently no staffing or funding resources identified for the organisation of such an event and I would suggest that for the Council to take on

the running of a “West Lancashire Show” it would require considerably more than the £7500 mentioned in the ‘reason for call in’.

- 4.3 I am not necessarily against the idea, in principal, for some time in the future. However, before such an initiative could be progressed, a robust business plan would need to be drawn up supported by the provision of additional resources to take the matter forward. In my opinion, for a large-scale event, you would need the minimum of a dedicated full time officer, with access to support staff, over several months.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Following consideration of the decision of Cabinet, the requisition for call in and the comments of the Assistant Director Community Services, the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee can decide if it wishes to ask for a different decision. If the Committee does not wish to ask for a different decision then the decision of Cabinet takes immediate effect. If the Committee does wish to ask for a different decision, it may:

- a. refer the decision back to Cabinet (as the decision making body) for reconsideration, setting out the different decision; or
- b. refer the matter to Council. If the matter is referred to Council and Council does not object, then the decision of Cabinet will take effect immediately from that Council meeting date. If the Council does object, then the decision and the objection will be referred back to Cabinet (as the decision making body) for reconsideration.

- 5.2 The Secretary of State in his Guidance recommends that Overview & Scrutiny Committees should only use the power to refer matters to the full Council if they consider that the decision is contrary to the policy framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment has been considered as part of the attached report.

Appendices

Report of the Assistant Director Community Services