

**AGENDA ITEM**

**7.1**

**COMMITTEE:** REGENERATION AND CITIZENSHIP SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 1ST JULY 2004

**SUBJECT:** CALLED-IN DECISION - BEST VALUE REVIEW -  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS AND  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

**REPORT BY:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY)

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

<b>LEGAL</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>
<b>EQUALITIES</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS</b>
<b>STAFFING</b>	<b>OTHER</b>

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

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**PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's instructions on a "called-in" decision of the Executive.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. Regeneration and Citizenship Scrutiny Committee is recommended to determine how it wishes to deal with the "called-in" decision of the Executive at its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

## **BACKGROUND**

3. The Executive, at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2004, upon consideration of the report of the Head of Community Education and Development entitled “Best Value Review – Community Development Options and Improvement Plan Supplementary Report”, attached as Appendix A to this report, decided:-

Executive is recommended to:

- (i) Support recommendations 5.2.1 to 5.2.9 and 5.2.11 to 5.2.16 of the Community Development Options Analysis and Improvement Plan attached at Appendix A to the report of the Head of Community Education and Development.
- (ii) Reject recommendation 5.2.10 set out at Appendix A and approve a new 5.2.10 as follows:

“That the council continue to provide financial support towards the staffing costs of the Luton All Women’s Centre while helping it to move towards a more sustainable future through accessing more external funding.”

- (iii) Support the following additional recommendations:

5.2.17 - That as each Community Centre is devolved in line with the Best Value Review improvement plan, opportunity is taken to consider the effect upon and the potential for integration with other community facilities in the area.

5.2.18 - That future provision of community centres takes into account the results of the survey before allocating funding from Council resources.

5.2.19 - That future community provision should be considered through joint provision providing multi purpose centres wherever possible. An example of excellent practice being the planned Chaul End Centre.

5.2.20 - That the opportunity for linking and co-ordinating community centre provision with the BSF Extended Schools programme be fully explored.

5.2.21 - That the process of devolving community centres to local communities also recognises the need to support communities to develop community initiatives and services and allocates sufficient resources to meet this need.

5.2.22 - That local area committees are a fundamental part of the Council's community development strategy and will play a formal role in the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the recommendations of this Best Value Review.

5.2.23 - That community associations should play an integral part in community developments as well as having responsibility for the management of community centres.

4. The above decision has since been "called-in" by called-in" by Councillors Harris and McKenzie, in accordance with Standing Order 55.2.

### **REPORT**

5. The recommended process for dealing with "called-in" decisions is for the Committee to request that reasons why the two Councillors "called-in" the decisions and then to determine whether or not the decisions should be scrutinised.
6. If the decision is to be scrutinised, the Committee must proceed to do so at this meeting unless the Executive agree otherwise.
7. The Head of Community Education and Development will be in attendance at the meeting.

### **PROPOSAL/OPTION**

8. The options available to the Committee are: -
  - (a) To advise the Executive that the Committee are happy with the decision;
  - (b) To advise the Executive that it is of the view that the decision should be reconsidered and of any alternative recommendations; or
  - (c) To refer the decisions to the Council for debate.

## **APPENDIX**

9. Appendix A - Report of the Head of Community Development Options and Improvement Plan Supplementary Report (Ref: 12.1) on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2004 entitled Best Value Review -Community Development Options And Improvement Plan Supplementary Report.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

10. Notice under Standing Order 55.2, signed by Councillors Harris and McKenzie, dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2004 “calling-in” Executive decision EX/184/04 (07.06.04).