COMMITTEE: PERFORMANCE, RESOURCES AND ASSETS

SCRUTINY

DATE: 30TH JUNE 2008

SUBJECT: CALLED IN DECISION (EX/101(iii)/08) –

CORPORATE ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNCIL

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF LOCAL

DEMOCRACY)

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL ✓ COMMUNITY SAFETY

EQUALITIES ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL

✓ CONSULTATIONS

STAFFING OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: NONE

PURPOSE

 The purpose of this report is to invite the Committee to consider the Called-In decision of the Executive in relation to the Corporate Assessment of the Council (Executive Decision Number: EX/101(iii)/08).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Performance, Resources and Assets Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the Called in Decision of the Executive (EX/101(iii)/08) in relation to the Corporate Assessment of the Council.

BACKGROUND

3. At its meeting held on 2nd June 2008, the Executive considered a report of the Chief Executive - Corporate Assessment of the Council which is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

REPORT

- 4. The Executive decided as follows:-
 - (i) That the results of the 2007 Comprehensive Performance Assessment of the Council as set out in the report of the Chief Executive (Ref:9)be noted
 - (ii) That the Audit Commission's Corporate Assessment of the Council as set out in the report of the Chief Executive (Ref:9) be noted.
 - (iii) That approval be given for the release of funding from the 2008/09 contingency to enable the appointment to a new post of Head of Strategic Planning, Policy and Performance Management;
 - (iv) That the long term aim of combining under this new Head of Service the functions of Strategic Planning, Performance, Policy, and all functions within the Scrutiny, equalities, inclusion and social cohesion section within the Chief Executive's department be noted.
- 5. The decisions were subject to the Call In process and in accordance with Standing Order 55.2, decision EX/101(iii)/08 has been "Called-In" by two Members of the Council, Councillors Neale and Pantling.
- 6. The recommended process for dealing with "called-in" decisions is for the Committee to request the reasons why the two Councillors "called-in" the decision and then to determine whether or not the decisions should be scrutinised.
- 7. If the decision(s) are to be scrutinised, the Committee must proceed to do so at this meeting unless the Executive agree otherwise.
- 8. The relevant officers will be in attendance at the meeting.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

- 9. The options available to the Committee are:-
 - (a) To advise the Executive that the Committee are happy with the decisions.
 - (b) To advise the Executive that it is of the view that the decisions should be reconsidered and of any alternative recommendations.

Or

(c) To refer the decisions to the Council for debate.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Legal implications are as set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Financial implications are as set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

<u>APPENDIX</u>

12. Appendix 1: Executive report of the Chief Executive – Corporate Assessment of the Council

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

13. Executive Report Ref: EX/6/08/914. Executive Decision No: EX/101/08