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**Notification Of Call – In Of Cabinet Or Portfolio Holder Decision Under Rule 20 (8)
(Page J13 of the Constitution) Of The Overview And Scrutiny Rules**

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Decision to be called-in:	PROVISION OF SPORTS HALL - WALTHAM ABBEY SWIMMING POOL - PARAS (B) & (R)
Decision reference:	14(6) & 14(7)
Portfolio:	LEISURE & WELL-BEING
Description of Decision:	SEE DECISIONS DOCUMENT PAGE 5
Reason for Call – in	SEE ATTACHED

Members requesting call – in
(3 members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or 5 other members)

Members Name:	Signed:
Lead member:	
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CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION

Provision of Sports Hall – Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool
Decision nos. 14 (6) and 14 (7)

Reason for call-in

These decisions have been called in because of the lack of justification given for decision 14 (6) given that EFDC is already expected to make net savings of over £200,000 each year following the council's withdrawal from the Joint Use agreement and also to identify steps that can be taken to mitigate any gap in service following the closure of Waltham Abbey Sports Centre.

These reasons are set out in further detail below.

- 1) To enable proper consideration of decision 14 (6) in the light of:
 - i) The absence of any justification for this decision in the portfolio holder's report (C-012-2009/10)
 - ii) The fact that the recommendation was tabled at the meeting with no advance notice, thus giving members not at the meeting (including ward members and other Waltham Abbey members) no opportunity to express their views
 - iii) The failure to take fully into account the fact that withdrawal from the Waltham Abbey Sports Centre Joint Use Agreement is expected to save the council £270,000 of CSB expenditure per year and that net savings after the reprovision of the Sports Hall at Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool are expected to amount to c£206,000
 - iv) The absence of full information on the implications of the decision for the Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool management agreement
 - v) Inadequate consideration of the potential implications of the decision with regard to health inequalities in Waltham Abbey, which have been identified as an issue requiring action by Overview and Scrutiny and the Cabinet

- 2) To enable consideration be given to the time period between the cessation of the Joint use Agreement with the Governors of King Harold School in January 2010 and the earliest likely date of opening of any new facility in the Summer of 2011, in particular:
 - i) What steps will be taken to assist current users of the Sports Centre to continue to pursue their activities, either at King Harold School or elsewhere
 - ii) What steps Epping Forest DC working where necessary with SLM and other partners, will take to minimise the impact of any gap in services.