

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

This form must be signed and completed and the original returned to the proper officer in person no later than 10.00 a.m. on the 5th working day following publication of the decision

Decision to be called-in: Potential Revenue Savings – Community Arts
Decision reference: 15 (1) (a)
Portfolio: Leisure and Wellbeing
Description of Decision: £35,000 reduction in Community Arts project budget.
Reason for Call – in: The decision is inconsistent with the Council's stated intention to protect frontline services. A 55 per-cent cut in the project budget is particularly severe and appears to have been calculated simply to make the total cut up to £100,000 following the review of vacant posts and Forester savings. Although savings in this budget may prove to be necessary when more is known about the overall shape of the budget, other savings should have been looked for first, in particular in support services which cost the Arts budget £109,000 compared to a £20,400 project budget. There appears to have been no assessment of whether this cut will affect the Council's ability to access external funding. There is no evaluation in the report of whether the current project budget is value for money or to what extent it helps meet the council's objectives.

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

Members Name:	Signed:
Lead member: Jon Whitehouse	
Pat Brooks	
Peter Spencer	
Jill Sutcliffe	
Janet Whitehouse	
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