

CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

To: Head of Legal and Property Services

We the undersigned call-in the following key decision:-

Title: AGENDA ITEMS 10 AND 12 OF THE CABINET REPORT _____

Date Decision taken 03/04/13

Reason for Call-In:

(e.g. cost/consultation/policy/lack of clarity/other options)

Please feel free to state reasons more fully on the back of this form

To question why there was not a proper In-House bid along with the 2 private bidders

To ask who did the final evaluation and if the Council had someone to evaluate the figures?

If there is nothing to hide why can't we see the figures that justify the differences between the 2-private bidders and an In-House bid as if the savings can't be realised in the future this is important?

How many jobs would be lost by the proposals by the 2-private bidders and the Inhouse bid?

If 130 staff are to transfer how are all support services staff going to be affected?

As this is such a major privatisation of Council services, what powers to scrutinise and hold to account the private company would Councillors have?

How tough would the sanctions be on the private company if standards of service and quality declined for Watford residents?

Why should 1-Company have responsibility for the whole service if another can provide a better quality and price for say Parks?

We call on the Cabinet to ensure that the contract includes not only a full TUPE of present staff but any future staff are guaranteed the LG Pension scheme, and that all those employed on providing services under the contract be paid at least the 'Living Wage'; and that the Council promotes the Living Wage and applies for 'Living Wage' accreditation.

NB: If no reasons are given the Overview and Scrutiny Committee WILL NOT consider your request for call-in

Signed: 1. Councillor Nigel Bell
 2. Councillor Jagtar Singh Dhindsa
 3. Councillor Mo Mills

Date: 10/04/13.

- Note:** Call-In does not include
- Urgent decisions of the Cabinet
 - Decisions referred by the Cabinet to Council
 - Decisions previously Called-In