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To: Cllr Mike Mackrory - Member CC
Cc: Democratic Services Team
Subject: Question at Cabinet

Dear Mike

Thank you for your question at Cabinet. I promised you a written reply.

The call in-process of each of the five Local Authorities (LAs) applies to the joint committee.

How that process will operate depends on the final form of the agreement. This reply is written on the assumption that the amendments required by the ECC monitoring officer (MO) will be agreed by the other four authorities. We believe that this will be the case because the five MOs met and agreed the changes that ECC have requested but obviously nothing is guaranteed.

- We have pressed for a requirement that a summary of decisions will be produced quickly after the meeting and sent to the five LAs.
- It's then up to each LA to communicate with its members as it sees fit; at ECC it seems likely that we would distribute to Place Scrutiny. The decision can then be called in in accordance with ECC's scrutiny process.
- We have pressed for rights for our scrutiny committee to require HGGT officers to appear before it.
- As for regular scrutiny, the Joint Committee and the Accountable Body must co-operate with reasonable requests for information from any of the Partner Authorities' overview and scrutiny committees. Therefore it will be open to scrutiny by ECC's scrutiny committees in the usual way.
- Any exemption from call-in will require all five authorities to follow their call-in exemption process so that won't be exercised lightly.

It's also worth noting that our internal and external audit would have access to records etc.

I hope this provides reassurance

Regards

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