



**City of Westminster**

# **Committee Report**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Westminster Scrutiny Commission</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 July 2010</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>For General Release</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Exemptions to Call-in</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Policy Context:</b>	<b>Management of the Council</b>
<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<b>There are no financial implications</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Mick Steward, Head of Council, Cabinet and Committee Secretariat</b>

## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report advises the Westminster Scrutiny Commission of the occasions during the last municipal year on which the call-in provisions have been exempted by the Chief Executive due to special circumstances.

## **2. Recommendation**

That the report be noted.

## **3. Background Information**

- 3.1 The City Council's Constitution sets out provisions which allows, in urgent circumstances, that the call-in provisions may be exempted by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
- 3.2 The City Council's Constitution previously provided that reports showing how many times the call-in provisions had been exempted be reported to full Council. Following a review of the Constitution the responsibility for monitoring the use of this provision transferred to the Westminster Scrutiny Commission from the full Council.
- 3.3 During the municipal year 2009/10 the call-in provisions have been exempted on 4 occasions, as follows:

1. Cabinet Member Report: Proposal for the Westminster Adult Education Service to move premises to 9 Orange Street, WC2.
  2. Cabinet Urgency Report – Cessation of Parking Enforcement Procurement Process – 1 March 2010.
  3. Cabinet Urgency Report – Award of negotiated short term contract to NSL Services – 16 March 2010.
  4. Parking Enforcement and Street-based Management Contract – Recommendation to Award – 5 May 2010.
- 3.4 In each of these cases the Chief Executive was satisfied that a delay caused by the call-in provision could have seriously prejudiced the Council's or public's interests.
- 3.5 In view of the very limited number of times on which the call-in provisions have been exempted no recommendations for amending the process for making exceptions to call-in are made. The Commission are therefore asked to note this report.
4. **Other Implications:** None.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Reports listed in paragraph 3.3 above, which are for the reasons set out in each of the reports exempt from public disclosure.