Corporate and Public Services
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item No. 5

5 April, 2016

Call-in of Cabinet decision 'Authority to award a contract for the provision of a local Healthwatch Service for Walsall'

Ward(s) All

Portfolio: Councillor Harris – Community, Leisure and Culture

Related Portfolios: Councillor Rose Martin – Public Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Eddie Hughes – Care and Safeguarding

Report:

In line with the provisions contained within Part 4.5 of the Walsall Council Constitution the decision to award a contract for the provision of local Healthwatch Service in Walsall was "called in" on 21 March, 2016 by five members of the Council.

The reasons for the call-in are:

- 1. Concern over how assessments have been made on the merits of the bid by a local healthwatch;
- 2. Issues around transitional arrangements.

A copy of the received call-in notice, Cabinet decision and Cabinet reports are appended to this report.

At the request of the Members who have led the call-in representatives of Healthwatch Walsall and the team who undertook the bid assessments have been invited to attend the meeting.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are invited to review the decision taken in the light of the call-in. The Committee is able to make recommendations to Cabinet on alternative courses of action should Members wish to do so.

Recommendations:

That Members consider the call-in and consider whether they wish to make any recommendations to Cabinet.

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