Appendix 3 – Call in request

Notice requesting a call in of Cabinet Member Decision E2999

"Modern Libraries Bath - Consultation outcomes and proposals"

The undersigned Councillors wish to call in decision E2999 "Modern Libraries Bath – Consultation outcomes and proposals" taken by the Cabinet on 11 October 2017.

This request is made in the public interest of full disclosure of the facts underpinning the decision to move the One Stop Shop to The Podium and for the following specific reasons:

1. The need for public scrutiny of the Council's expenditure on this project to date – no breakdown of the expenditure costs has been published – and of the proposed savings related to the investment.
2. No open, public consultation has taken place on the issue of whether co-location of Bath Library and the One Stop Shop is desirable or accepted by service users.
3. No evidence has been presented about the practicality of co-locating services at The Podium, nor whether this would benefit or disadvantage service users. No assessment has been made of the potential impact on both services. No assessment has been made of the needs of users for either the One Stop Shop or Bath Central Library. No benchmark example of comparable conversions of a small main city library into a co-located library and One Stop Shop has been given.
4. It is unclear whether the project is deliverable or sustainable given the issues around The Podium lease arrangements, and the Police/Shopmobility lease arrangements at Lewis House, which have not been resolved.

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