

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**CONSIDERATION OF CALL IN – OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP FIVE NEW HOMES AND ONE REFURBISHED HOME**

1. Purpose of report

To consider the following Call-In resulting from a Cabinet decision taken on Tuesday 6 February 2024.

2. Recommendation

**The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the Call-In and RESOLVE accordingly.**

3. Decision: Cabinet, 6 February 2024 - Minute Number 125.1

**RESOLVED that the production of six dwellings at the Farm Cottage site, as detailed in the report, be approved.**

4. The decision has been Called-In by the following Members:

Councillors A Kingdon, D K Watts, S J Carr, B C Carr and H Land.

5. The reasons for the Call-In are as follows:

“We consider the decision should be called in as it is not in accordance with the Council’s decision-making principles and not in the public interest.

In relation to the above we consider that the following principles of decision-making have been breached:

- Open and transparent – this decision was taken without any consultation with local residents
- Take into account all relevant considerations and ignore irrelevant considerations – the decision fails to take into account the views of local residents. Further, Members were not aware of the surveyor’s report received on the day of the Cabinet meeting
- Undertake consultation as required or as may be appropriate – it is appropriate to consult residents who will be adversely affected by this decision. Residents had been told a year before that this decision had been scrapped and had not been told that it was even being reviewed.
- Obtain and consider professional advice as may be required or appropriate – The decision was taken without regard to the surveyor’s report.
- Ensure best value – the decision was scrapped previously as not being value for money. The costs have since increased, something that was not made clear to the members of the Cabinet.”

The following papers have been provided for the consideration of the Committee:

**APPENDIX 1** – Call-In Procedure

**APPENDIX 2** – Cabinet Report

**APPENDIX 3** – Cabinet Report: Appendix 2 OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE)

6. Background Papers

Nil.