

**SPECIAL COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**30 DECEMBER 2025**

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**PRIDE IN PLACE**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. We have requested a call-in of the decision of Cabinet, in relation to Pride in Place (Minute C54/Dec/25). The reasons we have requested the call-in is to determine and understand :-
  - The make-up and skills of an unelected board who will be responsible for disposing of ~£20M of public funding.
  - To establish how council elected members will have scrutiny and oversight of ~£20m of public money spend.
  - To determine if the current arrangements obviate the democratic process in respect to ~£20M public funding given to DBC.
  - To understand how the decisions, laid out in the agenda, were made and if indeed the current proposal decisions are valid.
  - Why this has been pushed through Cabinet so quickly with no member involvement other than cabinet.
  - How Cabinet satisfied itself that the paper had to be considered at this meeting and not deferred until a future date, given a ward benefiting from the proposals was under purdah rules due a live by-election.
- We would like to discuss these issues with the relevant Cabinet Member and Officers.

**Councillors Keir, Culley and Walters**