

SPECIAL COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
30 DECEMBER 2025

PRIDE IN PLACE

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