

Title of Report: Call-In C360/20	Officer Presenting: Author:
---	--

1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

1.1 To advise Members of the process to be following in respect of the Call-in of item C360/20.

2 Background

2.1 At the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 29th October 2020 the following motion was passed:-

“That Council welcomes the recent launch of a cross-party Assembly Bill to tackle the climate emergency; notes points raised by Friends of the Earth in relation to the recent decision on sand dredging of Lough Neagh; further recognises Minister Mallon's statement that she commits to continuing to monitor the balance between the economic and environmental impact of sand dredging of Lough Neagh.

Council will write to the Minister outlining our Climate Emergency Declaration and Pledge. Council will invite representatives from Friends of the Earth and the Environmental Gathering, the Lough Neagh Partnership and the Quarry Products Association for a presentation on the ramifications of this decision.”

2.2 The Vote was 28 for; 4 against; 0 Abstentions.

2.3 On Friday 13th November 2020 the Chief Executive received a request that the decision be reconsidered pursuant to Section 41(1)(a) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. A copy of the requisition is at Appendix 1.

3 Key Issues

3.1 Where Call-In is received under Section 41(1)(a) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 of a decision of Council, Standing Order 21.5(3) provides that the Council shall refer the matter for further consideration at the next meeting of Council.

3.2 The Members who submitted the Call-In, or Member on their behalf shall be invited to address the meeting and shall have voting rights. The Council may: -

(a) Refer the decision for further consideration by a Committee where the subject matter of that decision falls within the remit of the Committee;

(b) Support the decision or;

(c) Overturn the decision.

3.3 Any vote taking in relation to a decision pursuant to a Call-In under Section 41(1)(a) of the Act shall be taken on the basis of a simple majority of those present and voting.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5 Recommendations

5.1 That Members reconsider the decision C360/20 and either: -

(a) Refer the decision for further consideration by a Committee where the subject matter of that decision falls within the remit of the Committee; or

(b) Support the decision; or

(c) Overturn the decision.

Background Papers

- **C360/20**