

Item No:	Classification: OPEN	Date:	Meeting Name: Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:		Call-in: Tenant Fund Budget (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing Management 7 April 2014)	
Ward(s) or Group affected:		All	
From:		Head of Overview & Scrutiny	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. On 7 April 2014 the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing Management considered a report on the Tenant Fund Budget 2014/15 (attached as an Appendix).
2. The Cabinet Member agreed:
 1. That the proposed 2014/2015 Tenant Fund budget as summarised in Appendix 1 following consultation with the Tenant Fund Management Committee (TFMC) and Tenant Council (TC) be approved.
 2. That the funding of £238,000 recommended for Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations (SGTO) subject to SGTO signed acceptance of the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding (COGF), an agreed specification with clear outcomes and performance monitoring of these outcomes be noted

REASONS FOR CALL-IN

3. On 22 April 2012 the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Cathy Bowman - and four members of the committee (Councillors Toby Eckersley, David Hubber, Paul Noblet and Geoffrey Thornton) requested a call-in of the decisions on the following grounds:

“Representatives of Tenants Council and Tenants Fund Management Committee have presented their concerns about the way the consultation process has operated - in particular, that the stipulation that the funding for SGTO be subject to SGTO's acceptance of the council's Standard Conditions of Funding was added to the process at a very late stage so that it was too late for consultation and discussion to take place as to how this might operate.

Tenants Fund Management Committee followed the formal process and submitted a written representation to the cabinet member but received no response and it is not apparent from the decision record whether any account was taken of the submission in reaching the final decision

I wish to call in this decision on the grounds of an inadequate consultation process and lack of openness.”

CALL-IN MEETING

4. The committee will consider the call-in request and whether or not the decision might be contrary to the policy framework or not wholly in accordance with the budget.
5. If, having considered the decision and all relevant advice, the committee is still concerned about it then it may either:
 - a) refer it back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns, or
 - b) refer the matter to council assembly if the decision is deemed to be outside the policy and budget framework.
6. If the committee does not refer the matter back to the decision making person or body, the decision shall take effect on the date of the scrutiny meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held at	Contact
Report to Cabinet Member 7 April 2014	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2TZ	Kenny Uzodike Constitutional Team 020 7525 7236

APPENDICES
Cabinet Member Report
Decision Sheet
Submission from Tenants Fund Management Committee

Audit Trail

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