

<b>Item No:</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> May 18 2009	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Overview & Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report Title:</b>		Call-in: Allocation of Funding to Southwark Circle (Executive Member for Health & Adult Care April 22 2009)	
<b>Ward(s) or Group affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Overview & Scrutiny	

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. On April 22 2009 the executive member for health and adult care considered a report on the allocation of funding to Southwark Circle. The report, including the executive member's decision sheet, is attached.

### **REASONS FOR CALL-IN**

2. On April 30 2009 the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Fiona Colley - and four members of the committee (Councillors Toby Eckersley, John Friary, Barrie Hargrove and Veronica Ward) requested a call-in of the decisions on the following grounds:

"Members have a number of concerns which lead us to believe that the decision to allocate £1m of grant funding to Southwark Circle is not proportionate (a).

- a lack of clarity of the how the organisation is to be run
- how the interface with mainstream social care and existing voluntary and community sector groups will work
- the lack of evidence of outputs from the pilot
- a lack of evidence that this organisation is more qualified than others to deliver the desired outcomes

Members also note that there is no evidence of due consultation (b) with interested parties such as older people's groups or existing voluntary & community sector groups.

Members also have concerns that there is insufficient (e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes as the only outcomes which actually have targets are membership and network growth and the terms and conditions of the grant are not specified.

Members also question whether the decision is in accordance with the budget (g) as

- this is a significant departure from normal budgetary procedures
- there is no evidence of how the “savings” for the £1m “invest to save” will be delivered
- there is a lack of clarity on whether proper procedures for use of the financial reserve were followed.

Members therefore believe that the decision may well be outside the budget framework and will wish to receive a report and question the Director of Finance further on these issues."

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held at	Contact
Executive Member Decision Sheet	Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Bola Roberts Constitutional Team 020 7525 7232
Allocation of Funding to Southwark Circle - Report	Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Bola Roberts Constitutional Team 020 7525 7232

## Audit Trail

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<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
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<b>Executive Member</b>	No	-