

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Item Called-in following an Executive Decision</b>
	<b>Healthwatch Commissioning</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	04 February 2013
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	EX2582

**Purpose of Report:** To allow a review of the decision to approve a proposal to commission local Healthwatch, and to delegate authority to Corporate Director (Communities) in consultation with Head of Legal Services and Portfolio Holder to enter into any such agreement(s) to give effect to the proposal.

**Recommended Action:** That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission reviews the decision.

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## Supporting Information

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### 1. Executive Decision

- 1.1 The duty set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 for each local authority to make arrangements as it considers appropriate for the provision of Local Healthwatch, and a subsequent proposal for West Berkshire Council's commissioning approach was presented for consideration at a meeting of the Executive on 17 January 2013.
- 1.2 The recommended action was:
- (1) To approve the proposal to commission local Healthwatch as explained in the report;
  - (2) To delegate authority to Corporate Director (Communities) in consultation with Head of Legal Services and Portfolio Holder to enter into any such agreement(s) to give effect to the proposal.
- 1.3 The Executive duly approved these recommendations.

### 2. Call-In of the Decision

- 2.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, five Elected Members (Councillors Jeff Brooks, Mollie Lock, Keith Woodhams, Tony Vickers and Roger Hunneman) called in the Executive Decision (EX2582) on the basis that:
- (1) The 'open Procedure' for procurement is not explained. For example:
    - (a) How and when will the contract be advertised or was advertise?
    - (b) How will/were the bids be reviewed?
    - (c) Who will review the bids?
    - (d) What will the terms of the SLA be?
    - (e) What are the objectives of the contract?
  - (2) Appendix B referred to in the Executive report was not in the papers.

### 3. Role of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission

- 3.1 The role of the Overview and Scrutiny and Management Commission is to review the decision and determine whether it concurs with the decision (in which case it will take immediate effect) or refer it back to the Executive for further consideration.

### 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission review the decision made by the Executive.

## Appendices

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Appendix A – Letter calling in EX2582

Appendix B – Healthwatch Commissioning report