

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**22 APRIL 2026**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF  
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

## **Call In – Levelling Up Fund - Yarm Public Realm**

### **Detail**

The decisions of Cabinet taken on 12 March 2026 in relation to Levelling Up Fund – Yarm Public Realm have been subject to a valid call in. The call in applies to the following decisions:

#### **CABINET RESOLVED**

1. The findings of the public engagement undertaken in relation to the Yarm High Street public realm scheme be noted.
2. With regard to the £2.35m remaining funds from the allocated budget for Yarm High Street:-
  - a) The £950,000 of SBC co-funding be returned to support the Council's MTFP and financial position.
  - b) £950,000 of the remaining LUF funding be used to repay the borrowing associated with the additional expenditure at Preston Park Museum.
  - c) The remaining £450,000 LUF funding be committed in the Yarm area.
  - d) Delegated Authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Inclusive Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to produce a shortlist of possible projects that could be achieved with the remaining budget of £450,000 and then engage with the residents and businesses of Yarm for their priorities. The list is to include the costs of each item on the list and to include the consideration of the replacement of the pontoons, to enable residents and businesses to consider the value for money and extent of the works available when providing their priorities.
3. The reasons for the validation of the call in relate to the following principles of decision-making:
  - Due consultation and the taking of professional advice
  - Explanation of options and reasons

- Relevant matters not ignored
- Clarity and explanation of information provided

The following Members and Officers have been requested to be present at the meeting:

- Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing (Councillor Richard Eglington)
- Ged Morton, Director of Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer)
- Tracey Carter, Director of Regeneration and Inclusive Growth

The documents detailed below are attached for consideration by Executive Scrutiny Committee:

Call in Form	Appendix 1
Cabinet Report	Appendix 2
Decision Record	Appendix 3
Report of Monitoring Officer	Appendix 4

### **Background Papers**

None

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