

Standing Order D11 (in relation to Overview and Scrutiny) – Call-in and Urgency
Council Meeting, 15 May 2025

In accordance with Standing Order D11, the call-in procedure does not apply where the executive decision being taken is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

Before deciding whether a decision is urgent the decision making person or body must consult the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator, or in his absence either:

- (a) (if the decision is a Key Decision and Standing Order E14 (General Exception) applies) each member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board shall be consulted; or
- (b) (in all other cases) the Civic Mayor, or (if there is no Civic Mayor appointed) the Deputy Civic Mayor, shall be consulted.

Decisions taken as a matter of urgency shall be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency and a summary of the consultation undertaken.

The table below sets out this information:

Matter for decision	Decision-taker	Reasons for urgency	Consultation
Local Government Reorganisation – Interim Plan	The Cabinet	<p>On 5 February 2025, the Government issued a Statutory Invitation to the Leaders of all of the two-tier councils and unitary councils in Devon to submit a proposal for a single tier of local government in Devon. As part of the Invitation, the Government asked that an interim plan should be submitted on or before 21 March 2025 which sets out the progress that had been made in developing proposals in line with the criteria and guidance provided.</p> <p>The Cabinet took a decision, at its meeting held on 18 March 2025, to submit an interim plan for local government reorganisation impacting on Torbay to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).</p> <p>The decision taken by the Cabinet needed to be implemented immediately as any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council and Public's interests.</p>	The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator was consulted on 7 March 2025.