

Request for Call-In – 18 August 2017

Union Chain Bridge

A Notice of Call-In in has been received from Councillor Paterson, as follows:

I would like to call in the Chain Bridge Report that went to the Executive meeting on Tuesday 15th August 2017. I will be the lead on the call-in and I will get 4 other Councillors to agree to this and e-mail to you. I want the call-in because:

- 1 The report and the discussion at the meeting did not make it clear if the expenditure was on the bridge in order to maintain it as a strategic roads asset or as a historic asset. Is this a vital bridge for the Borders public, or are we doing this for tourists?
- 2 The report wasn't clear on the costs and the benefits of alternative courses of action. It was not clear if the approved increased expenditure was the best Value for Money at this time.
- 3 The Extra £450k is identified as coming out of the future block funding for roads and bridges. There were no answers in the report or the discussion to the question of the priority for funding for this Bridge in comparison to other commitments. The Borders public need to know why we spend money on this bridge and not fix pot holes or upgrade some roads that are little more than a cattle track.

The signatories are:

David Paterson (Lead Member)
Andy Anderson
Heather Anderson
Stuart Bell
Harry Scott
Elaine Thornton-Nicol