
CABINET URGENT DECISIONS

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor John Williams, Leader

Responsible Director(s) - Corporate Management Team

Matter for Consideration

1. To report urgent decisions made by Cabinet to which the procedure for calling-in could not be applied.

NOTE – The topics of the reports outlined below are not to be the subject of debate by Council, however, Councillors may ask technical or actual questions to the relevant Director as to the reason(s) for urgency.

Information

2. Contained within this Council's Constitution is a procedure for Scrutiny Committees to call-in decisions of Cabinet. This call-in procedure does not apply where the decision being taken by Cabinet or an Officer is urgent.
3. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or public's interests.
4. The Constitution states that decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency and given below is such a decision since the last ordinary meeting of Council held on 22nd July, 2004.

Cabinet Minute No.	Subject	Reasons for Urgency
C20	Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) South Park Restoration Project Phase 11 Works	To enable Phase II of the HLF South Park Restoration Project to proceed at an early date.
C55	Haughton Road Site Undergrounding of Overhead Electricity Cables	To enable the college relocation to proceed on programme.
C60(4)	DEFRA Award for Drinkfield Civic Amenity Site Improvements	To enable compliance with the timetable set by DEFRA.

C72	Approved Social Work Status	To maintain sufficient Approved Social Workers for the purpose of discharging the functions conferred on the Social Services Department by the Mental Health Act 1983.
C98	Site Protection for Land Occupied By, Or Anticipated Might Be, Occupied Illegally by Travellers	In order to undertake work at the earliest opportunity to protect the sites that have previously been occupied this year and are most at risk of yet more illegal occupation, it is necessary for works orders to be placed as soon as possible.

Council Policy Framework

5. The issues contained within this report have, in accordance with the Constitution, to be considered by Council.

Legal Implications

6. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers needs to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988

7. The contents of this report has been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its areas. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Recommendation

8. That the urgent decisions taken be noted.

Reason

9. To comply with this Council's Constitution.

Corporate Management Team

Background Papers

Report to Cabinet on 13th July, 2004 – HLF South Park Restoration Project Phase II Works.
 Report to Cabinet on 5th August, 2004 – Haughton Road Site – Undergrounding of Overhead Electricity Cables.

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