
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 factual 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 decisions since the last ordinary meeting of Council held on 25th November, 2005.

Cabinet Minute No.	Subject	Reasons for Urgency
C161	Honeypot Lane Caravan Site - Improvements	The contractor is currently on site undertaking the Phase Two works.
C171(1)	Strategic Review of Primary Education	The timing of the consultation and proposed implementation.
C171(2)	Darlington Town Centre 'Pedestrian Heart'	To allow enabling works to start on site as soon as possible to avoid loss of Single Programme funding available only in 2004/05.
C178	Darlington Borough Council (Stonebridge and St Cuthbert's Way) (Bus Lanes) Order 2005	To enable a Traffic Regulation Order to be actioned as soon as possible to help meet the projected timetable and spending profile for the project.

C171(4)	View: Shaping the North-East – Consultation Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East	To enable a decision on the Consultation Document to be submitted to the North East Assembly by the deadline of 4th February, 2005.
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Outcome of Consultation

5. No formal consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

Council Policy Framework

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

Legal Implications

7. 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

8. 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

9. That the urgent decisions taken be noted.

Reason

10. To comply with this Council’s Constitution.

Corporate Management Team

Background Papers

Report of the Director of Development and Environment on Improvements to Honeypot Lane Caravan Site – Cabinet - 14th December, 2004

Report of the Director of Education on the Review of Primary School Education in Darlington – Cabinet - 18th January, 2005.

Report of the Director of Development and Environment on Darlington Town Centre ‘Pedestrian Heart’ – Cabinet - 18th January, 2005.

Report of the Director of Development and Environment on Darlington Borough Council
(Stonebridge and St. Cuthbert's Way) (Bus Lanes) Order 2005 – Cabinet – 18th January, 2005.

Report of the Director of Development and Environment on View: Shaping the North East –
Consultation Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East.

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