
CABINET URGENT DECISIONS

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

Responsible Director(s) - Corporate Management Team

Matter for Consideration

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

NOTE – The topic of the report 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, 26th May, 2005.

Cabinet Minute No.	Subject	Reasons for Urgency
C26(2)	Children's Centres Capital Programme 2004/06 – Release of Funds.	<p>'The Children's Centres' capital projects have been progressed and are now at a stage where capital funding needs to be released to enable capital works to start as soon as possible - this will in turn ensure that 100 additional childcare places are created by 2006 and 2,302 pre-school children benefit from Children's Centres' services.</p> <p>One of the Children's Centres' requirements of grant placed upon Local Authorities by the Department for Education and Skills is that 2004-06 capital funding must be spent by 31st March 2006, any unspent amount will be 'clawed back' by government. Given that we are now moving towards the second half of the 2005-06 financial year when building projects can be hampered by bad weather, it is important that funding is released and building work starts as soon as possible.</p> <p>As this is a major government initiative the planning and consultation processes have taken considerable time to ensure that they fully comply with government requirements.'</p>

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 1998

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 decision taken be noted.

Reason

10. To comply with this Council's Constitution.

Corporate Management Team**Background Papers**

Report to Cabinet on 12th July 2006 on Children's Centres Capital Programme 2004/06 –
Release of Funds.

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