
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 30th September, 2004.

Cabinet Minute No.	Subject	Reasons for Urgency
C111	Hurworth to Neasham Footway/Cycleway – Compulsory Purchase Order	A decision was required as soon as possible to enable funding to be spent this year.
C112	Links to Schools Programme – Release of Capital Funds	A decision was required as the funding was only available until 31st March, 2005.
C120	Commercial Street Site	To enable the property to be put the market as soon as possible.
C121	Railway Museum – Urgent Safety Work	To enable safety work to be concluded at the earliest opportunity.

C123	East Street Car Park	To ensure all required elements were in place for works to bring the top deck into operation in April, 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

The following reports to Cabinet on 19th October, 2004:

1. Report of the Director of Development and Environment on Hurworth to Neasham Footway/Cycleway – Compulsory Purchase Order.
2. Report of the Director of Development and Environment on Links to Schools Programme – Release of Capital Funds.
3. Report of the Director of Development and Environment on the Commercial Street Site.
4. Report of the Director of Development and Environment on the Railway Museum – Urgent Safety Work.

