
CABINET URGENT DECISIONS

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor John Williams, Leader

Responsible Director - Corporate Management Team

Matter for Consideration

1. To report the urgent decisions made by Cabinet to which the procedure for calling-in could not be applied, as contained in this Council's Constitution.

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, which is likely to be caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest.
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, are details of such decisions taken since the last ordinary meeting of Council held on 1st March, 2007.

C166 (5)	Extension of the Ring-A-Ride Service Level Agreement	To enable the provision of the Ring-A-Ride Service to continue beyond the 31st March 2007 without a break in service. (Cabinet Urgent Decision).
C166 (7)	Housing Capital Programme 2007/08	In order that the Housing Capital Expenditure 2007/08 can be commenced with immediate effect. (Cabinet Urgent Decision).
C166 (9) (a)	Darlington Local Development Framework: Local Development Scheme	To enable the Local Development Scheme to be submitted to Government Office for the North East by the 31st March 2007, in order that Planning Delivery Grant targets, Best Value targets or any successor grants to be met. (Cabinet Urgent Decision).

C166 (9) (b)	Darlington Local Development Framework: Saving of Existing Development Plan Policies	To allow a decision to be made in time to enable a submission to Government Office for the North East by the deadline of 1st April 2007. (Cabinet Urgent Decision).
C176	Durham Tees Valley Airport – Southside Development Agreement	To provide confirmation of the Council’s approval of the deadline extension requested by Peel Airports Limited, to enter into a Southside Development Agreement at Durham Tees Valley Airport under the Subscription and Shareholders Agreement. (Cabinet Urgent Decision).

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.

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Background Papers

- (i) Report to Cabinet on 20th March 2007, entitled 'Extension of the Ring-A-Ride Service Level Agreement';
- (ii) Report to Cabinet on 20th March 2007, entitled 'Housing Capital Programme 2007/08';
- (iii) Report to Cabinet on 20th March 2007, entitled 'Darlington Local Development Framework: Local Development Scheme';
- (iv) Report to Cabinet on 20th March 2007, entitled 'Darlington Local Development Framework: Saving of Existing Development Plan Policies'; and
- (v) Report to Cabinet on 20th March 2007, entitled 'Durham Tees Valley Airport – Southside Development Agreement'.

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