
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 and the decisions made by Cabinet in accordance with the Special Urgency Rule, 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 a decision taken since the last ordinary meeting of Council held on 20th July, 2006.

C48	Tees Valley City Region Proposals	To allow submissions to the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review to be made by the deadline of 29th September 2006 (Cabinet Urgent Decision).
C60	Darlington Railway Centre and Museum: Release of Funding	Funding to implement Element 1 of the Phase 1 works needs to be released to enable a contract to be let before the end of September 2006 or the external funds would be withdrawn (Cabinet Urgent Decision).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.

Corporate Management Team

Background Papers

- (i) Reports to Cabinet on 12th September 2006, entitled Darlington Railway Centre and Museum: Release of Funding and Tees Valley City Region Proposals

Paul Dalton : Extension 2387

PD