
CABINET URGENT DECISIONS

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Bill Dixon, Leader of the Council

Responsible Director – Chief Officers Executive

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

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.

Recommendation

2. That the urgent decisions taken be noted.

Reasons

3. To comply with this Council's Constitution.

Chief Officers Executive

Background Papers

- (i) Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 7th February 2012, entitled 'Third Sector Strategic Grants 2012/15';
- (ii) Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 7th February 2012, entitled 'Adult Social Care Policy Decision Review';
- (iii) Minutes of the Executive Decision made by the Leader dated Tuesday, 7th February 2012;
- (iv) Report to Cabinet on Wednesday, 22nd February 2012, entitled 'Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget 2012/13';
- (v) Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 6th March 2012, entitled 'Housing Investment Programme 2012/13';
- (vi) Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 6th March 2012, entitled 'Cockerton Regeneration 2012-2014 Procurement of Developer Partners'

S17 Crime and Disorder	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.
Health and Well Being	Any impact in relation to Health and Well Being are referred to in the individual reports submitted to Cabinet.
Carbon Impact	Any impact in relation to Carbon Impact is referred to in the individual reports submitted to Cabinet.
Diversity	Any impact in relation to Diversity is referred to in the individual reports submitted to Cabinet.
Wards Affected	Any impact in relation to Wards Affected are referred to in the individual reports submitted to Cabinet.
Groups Affected	Any impact in relation to Groups Affected are referred to in the individual reports submitted to Cabinet.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend a change to the Council's budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is a non Executive decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	Any impact in relation to One Darlington: Perfectly Placed are referred to in the individual reports submitted to Cabinet.
Efficiency	Any impact in relation to Efficiency is referred to in the individual reports submitted to Cabinet.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. 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, a Cabinet Member or an Officer is urgent.
5. 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.
6. 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 26th January 2012.

7. In addition, there are also provisions within this Council's Constitution for a decision which is a key decision and which has not been included on the Forward Plan to be made under the Special Urgency Rule. The Special Urgency Rule requires the agreement of the Chair or Vice-Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee that the taking of the decisions could not be reasonably deferred and, in this instance, the approval of Councillor Thistlethwaite, as the relevant chair, was obtained, and the decision is detailed below.

C115	Third Sector Strategic Grants 2012/15	To seek approval of the proposals for a criteria-based application process for Strategic Grant in time to enable the proposals to be applied in the next grant cycle. (Urgent Decision)
C120	Adult Social Care Policy Decision Review	To revoke the decision taken by Cabinet on 22nd November 2011, following advice from Counsel. (Urgent Decision and Special Urgency Rule)
E1	Durham Tees Valley Airport	To enable the Council to respond to the requirements of the shareholding agreement within the timescales of that agreement. (Urgent Decision and Executive Decision)
C127(2)	Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget 2012/13	To ensure Officers can provide the required four weeks notice in relation to the increased level of charges. (Urgent Decision)
C135(3)	Housing Investment Programme 2012/13	In order that housing capital expenditure for 2012/13 can be commenced with immediate effect. (Urgent Decision)
C135(4)	Cockerton Regeneration 2012-2014 Procurement of Developer Partners	In order to meet the requirements of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) funding agreement which is part of the National Affordable Homes Programme (NAHP) 2011/15, and the CLG requirements for removing the demolished properties from the debt settlement calculation prior to the HRA moving to self-financing. (Urgent Decision)

Outcome of Consultation

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