
CABINET URGENT DECISIONS

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor John Williams, Leader

Responsible Director – Corporate Management Team

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.

Corporate Management Team

Background Papers

- (i) Report to Cabinet on 8th July 2008, entitled 'Proposal to Amalgamate Dodmire Infant and Nursery School with Dodmire Junior School';
- (ii) Report to Cabinet on 8th July 2008, entitled 'Disabled Facilities Grants – Amendments to National and Local Policy';
- (iii) Report to Cabinet on 9th September 2008, entitled 'Central Park – Extension of Co-operation Agreement'.

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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.
Sustainability	Any impact in relation to Health and Well Being are referred to in the individual reports submitted to Cabinet.
Diversity	Any impact in relation to Diversity are 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.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 17th July 2008.

C25(5)	Proposal to Amalgamate Dodmire Infant and Nursery School with Dodmire Junior School.	To preserve continuity of management, the statutory process for the closure of the existing schools and the opening of a new primary school needed to begin as soon as possible. (Cabinet Urgent Decision)
C25(7)	Disabled Facilities Grants – Amendments to National and Local Policy	To comply with the new legislation and discretionary powers which were implemented on 22nd May 2008. (Cabinet Urgent Decision)
C52	Central Park – Extension of Co-operation Agreement	In order to retain the confidence of the Development Consortium in the commitment of the Council to deliver the Central Park development, including the timescales required by the University Development. (Cabinet Urgent Decision)

Outcome of Consultation

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