
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

Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 1st December 2009, entitled 'Supported People Tender for the Provision of Housing Related Support to Homeless People';

Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 5th January 2010, entitled 'Skerne Park Community Centre Security Improvements';

Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 5th January 2010, entitled 'Strategic Review of Funding for the Third Sector';

Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 5th January 2010, entitled ‘Tender for the Provision of Accommodation Based and Floating Housing Related Support for Homeless People, those at Risk of Homelessness and Vulnerable Parents’;

Report to Cabinet on Tuesday, 12th January 2010, entitled ‘Land for Replacement Playing Fields’.

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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 Sustainability 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 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 November 2009.

C106	'Supported People Tender for the Provision of Housing Related Support to Homeless People'	To enable Supporting People to re-tender Lots 1, 2 and 5, which are housing related support services for those affected by homelessness, within the shortest timescales possible, prior to the expiration of existing contracts in April 2010 (Lots 1 and 2), and to enable the provision of a new service (Lot 5) within the same timescales as Lots 1 and 2. (Cabinet Urgent Decision).
C116	'Skerne Park Community Centre Security Improvements'	To enable the grant to be spent within this financial year (Cabinet Urgent Decisions).
C120	'Strategic Review of Funding for the Third Sector'	To give certainty to third sector organisations which allows them to plan appropriately for 2010/11 as the current financial year draws to a close (Cabinet Urgent Decision).
C125	'Tender for the Provision of Accommodation Based and Floating Housing Related Support for Homeless People, those at Risk of Homelessness and Vulnerable Parents'	To ensure contracts are awarded in order that services may be provided from 1 st April 2010 (Cabinet Urgent Decision).
C129(2)	'Land for Replacement Playing Fields'	To allow the negotiations to be completed to enable the University development to proceed on schedule (Cabinet Urgent Decision and Special Urgency Rule).

Outcome of Consultation

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