

Key decision items not included in the Forward Plan

Where a matter that is a key decision item has not been included in the Forward Plan, that decision may only be made where –

(1) the relevant Director has informed the Chairman of the relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel or, if there is no such person, each Member of that Panel by notice in writing, of the matter about which the decision is to be made;

(2) the relevant Director has made a copy of that notice publicly available at the offices of the Council and on the Council's Website. A copy should also be sent to all councillors for information;

(3) at least five clear days have elapsed since the relevant Director complied with (1) and (2); and

(4) If (3) cannot be complied with then the decision can only be taken if the decision taker (if an individual), or the Chairman of the body making the decision, obtains the agreement of the Chairman of the relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel that the taking of the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred. If there is no Chairman of the relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel or if the Chairman of each relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman will suffice.

Notice of a key decision on an item not in the Forward Plan

To Councillor Terry Porter being the Chairman of Community and Corporate Organisation Policy & Scrutiny Panel

A copy of this notice must be displayed at offices of the Council and published on the Council's website as soon as reasonably practicable after compliance with the above.

Take notice that it is intended to make an urgent key decision by the Executive Member for Human Resources and Asset Management, Capital Programme and Transformation Programme that has not been included in the Forward Plan. The Decision is:

17/18 DE 111 - Approval of bids to Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF)

1. To approve the submission of bids to the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Marginal Viability Fund as follows:
 - Provision of utilities and services to land owned by North Somerset Council at Parklands Village: bid estimate £750,000 – 1,250,000, to be ranked as priority 1 of 2.
 - Re-location of sub-station from Dolphin Square: bid estimate: £1,500,000 - £2,500,000, to be ranked as priority 2 of 2.
2. To delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer to finalise bid wording and amounts, within the range specified above.
3. To note the proposed Expression of Interest to the HIF Forward Fund for provision of infrastructure in the area of the A38 corridor to support the emerging Joint Spatial Plan.

The full decision can be viewed on the Council's website via the following link:

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-council/councillors/decisions/executive-member-decisions/2017-executive-member-decisions/september-2017-executive-member-decisions/>

Reasons why key decision was not included in the Forward Plan:

The Decision Notice refers to two funding bids to the Housing Infrastructure Fund Marginal Viability Fund and an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the Housing Infrastructure Fund Forward Fund.

The intention was originally that all of these would be included in a report to Full Council on 26th Sept 2017, which had been included on the Forward Plan.

However, we were subsequently advised that the Forward Fund submission did not require authorisation, as it was an Expression of Interest only, rather than an actual funding bid.

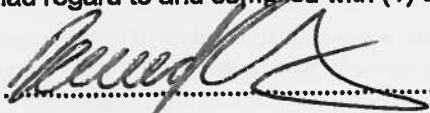
This reduced the financial value of the decision required to the level that should be authorised by Executive Member, rather than Full Council, so the council item was withdrawn from the Forward Plan

Reasons why this is an urgent decision and 3 cannot be complied with:

The deadline for submission of bids is the 28th Sept 2017.

Agreement of the Chairman of the Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel is required in accordance with (4) above. If agreement is required the Chairman is requested to notify the Director accordingly.

I have had regard to and complied with (1) to (4) above.

Signed  Director of Development and Environment

Date 25/9/17

Ref. – Constitution, Access to Information Procedure Rules, ss 14, 15.