

Notice of Key Decision not included on 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 of the notice 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.

To Councillor John Crockford Hawley being the Chairman of the Place Policy and 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 that the Executive Member for Assets and Capital Delivery will make the following urgent key decision which has not been listed on the forward plan.

DECISION TITLE: 22/23 DP 363 Agreement to increase the leisure capital budget by £970k for urgent works

The decision will be published here: <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors-committees/decisions-meetings/executive-member-decisions/2022-executive-member-decisions/december-2022-executive-member-decisions>

Reason not listed on forward plan:

The works are significant and require substantial planning in themselves, plus the Leisure contractor needs a long period to organise their programme because it will be significantly impacted by the works. The design procurement process are also complex and require a long lead in time.

Therefore to enable the works to start in August 2023 decisions need to start now meaning it is not possible to delay this until the February decision.

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.

If the item will also need to be considered as an urgent item, a reason for urgency will be required.

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Signed

Assistant Director Neighbourhoods and Transport

Date: 16 December 2022

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