

Notice of Urgent Key Decision

Where a matter that is an urgent decision item that cannot wait to allow the usual advertising period before the decision is signed, 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 Steve Bridger being the Chairman of the Transport, Climate and Communities 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 Climate, Waste and Sustainability will make the following urgent key decision which has been listed on the forward plan.

23/24 DP 466 Campus Decarbonisation Salix funding

Reason why the decision is urgent and 3 above cannot be complied with.

The project team are working towards expediting decision approval in order to appoint a preferred contractor and draw down funds by end of financial year (March 25'). If acceptable evidence of spend is not provided by the 21st March 2024, the funding will be lost and NSC will be faced with consequential reputational damage. There have been some delays in progressing the decision notice and there is now a risk that the 21 March deadline may not be met. We are therefore requesting that this now be treated as an urgent decision

Agreement of the Chairman of the Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel is required in accordance with (4) above



Signed:

Director of Place

Date: 28 February 2024

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