

Notice of key decision that has not been included in the Forward Plan

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 John Crockford Hawley being the Chairman of the Placemaking, Economy and Planning 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 the following key decision which was not listed on the Council's Forward Plan will be taken by Councillor Mike Solomon Executive Member for Culture and Leisure:

23/24 DP 542 Lease Award Decision Victorian Café Weston-super-Mare

Reason not listed on forward plan and why the decision cannot wait to be included in the next edition of the forward plan: It was not anticipated that the value of the lease would exceed the threshold for a key decision. The expectation is that the café will be operating in time for the June half term, therefore cannot wait for the decision to be listed on the next edition of the forward plan, which is June.

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

Signed:  Director of Place

Date: 19 April 2024

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