

Key decision item 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 Chairperson of the relevant Policy 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 Chairperson of the body making the decision, obtains the agreement of the Chairperson 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 Chairperson of the relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel or if the Chairperson of each relevant Policy/Overview and Scrutiny Panel is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairperson of the Council, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairperson, will suffice.

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

To Councillors Mike Bird and Steve Bridger being the Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson 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 Capital Programme including Major Projects will make the following key decision that has not been included in the Council's forward plan:

24/25 DP270 Winterstoke Road Bridge (WsM) Design and Build Contract Award

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

The value of the contract exceeds the value approved in the commissioning plan

<https://n-somerset.moderngov.co.uk/Data/Council/201911121800/Agenda/20%20Winterstoke%20Road%20Bridge.pdf>

The project is on a constrained programme to meet fixed deadlines outside the control of the project, dictated by Network Rail. Waiting until the next Council meeting in November 2024 would significantly increase the risk of meeting these fixed deadlines.

Agreement of the Chairperson of the Policy and Scrutiny Panel is not required in accordance with (4) above.

If agreement is required, the Chairperson 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.

Reason for urgency (if applicable under (4) above): N/A



Signed

Assistant Director Placemaking and Growth

Date 18 September 2024

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