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 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 following decision will be taken by the Executive Member for Capital Programme including Major Projects: 24/25 DP 422 Change of scope to stage 1 of the Galliford Try contract for the design and build of the Banwell Bypass

Reasons for urgency (why the decision cannot wait to be listed on the next edition of the forward plan: The Full Council Decision, which would have given the authority to proceed with Stage 2 of the Galliford Try contract has had to be delayed until early 2025. This was to give time for Galliford Try to produce a robust target cost and provide sufficient time for review and validation of the cost estimate by NSC & Atkins (cost consultants for scheme) to ensure value for money. This has meant that the scope of Stage 1 of the contract has had to be extended resulting in further costs in that contract stage. As this delay was not anticipated there was not sufficient time for a decision to be included on the forward plan to cover this. The decision is required so that Galliford Try's fees can be paid to cover the period of November 2024 to January 2025.

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

Signed: `

Director of Place

Date: 18 December 2024

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

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