

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

24 July 2013

Report of the Director of Legal Services

WAIVER OF THE CALL-IN PROVISIONS

Purpose of the Report

To report agreements to waive the call-in provisions.

Information and Analysis

The Council's Constitution provides for a report to be submitted to the next available Council meeting where the call-in provisions have been waived in view of the urgent nature of a decision taken by the Cabinet or a Cabinet Member.

A decision is urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest. The record of the decision states whether, in the opinion of the decision making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in. The Chair of the appropriate Improvement and Scrutiny Committee has to agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

The following decisions are reported –

1. Meeting – Cabinet member meeting Economy, Jobs and Transport 18 June 2013.

Decision – Response to Law Commission consultation paper on conservation covenants.

The Cabinet member considered that this was an urgent matter and should not be subject to call-in, in view of the fact that any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's and the public interest.

Prior to the meeting, the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Mrs K D Lauro) had agreed that the decisions should be regarded as urgent and that the decisions proposed were reasonable.

2. Meeting – Cabinet member meeting Strategic Policy and Budget 11 June 2013.

Decision – Engagement of External Consultancy Services – Exempt item.

The Cabinet member considered that this was an urgent matter and should not be subject to call-in, in view of the fact that any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's and the public interest.

Prior to the meeting, the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor C R Moesby) had agreed that the decisions should be regarded as urgent and that the decisions proposed were reasonable.

3. Meeting – Cabinet member meeting Strategic Policy and Budget 18 June 2013.

Decision – Engagement of External Consultancy – Exempt item.

The Cabinet member considered that this was an urgent matter and should not be subject to call-in, in view of the fact that any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's and the public interest.

Prior to the meeting, the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor C R Moesby) had agreed that the decisions should be regarded as urgent and that the decisions proposed were reasonable.

4. Meeting – Cabinet 16 July 2013.

Decision – School Staff Redundancies - Exempt item.

The Cabinet considered that this was an urgent matter and should not be subject to call-in, in view of the fact that any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's and the public interest.

Prior to the meeting, the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Mrs D Charles) had agreed that the decisions should be regarded as urgent and that the decisions proposed were reasonable

Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

Background Papers

None.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

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