

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 13 MAY 2014

Title of report	URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET IN QUARTER 4 2013/14
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Purpose of report	In accordance with the Council's Constitution, to formally report that the Cabinet has taken decisions, which are considered to be urgent and, if delayed, would be likely to cause serious prejudice to the Council's interests.
Reason for Decision	To comply with the Special Urgency Procedure in the Council's Constitution.
Council Priorities	Homes and Communities Value for Money
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	Financial implications were taken into account by the Cabinet in reaching its decision.
Link to relevant CAT	None.
Risk Management	To comply with Special Urgency Rule 17 of Part 4.3 of the Council's Constitution, the decisions made by Cabinet are to be reported to Council.
Equalities Impact Assessment	Not applicable.
Human Rights	Not applicable.
Transformational Government	Not applicable.

Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees	Corporate Leadership Team
Background papers	Council's Constitution http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/constitution Report to Council on 25 February 2014 Minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 11 February 2014
Recommendations	THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE REPORT.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Special Urgency Procedure states that if the date by which an executive decision must be taken and the general exception Rule 16 cannot be followed, then the decision can only be taken if Cabinet has obtained the agreement of the Chairman of the Policy Development Group that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred. If the chairman of the Policy Development Group is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, or in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman will suffice.
- 1.2 The Leader is required to submit a quarterly report to the Council on the executive decisions taken under this Rule in the preceding three months. The report will include the number of decisions taken and a summary of the matter about which each decision was made.
- 1.3 The reporting timetable for 2013/14 is as follows:-

			REPORT TO COUNCIL
Q1			17 September 2013
April	May	June	
Q2			29 October 2013
July	August	Sept	
Q3			21 January 2014
Oct	Nov	Dec	
Q4			13 May 2014
Jan	Feb	Mar	

2.0 DECISIONS MADE DURING QUARTER 4:

2.1 2 urgent executive decisions were made during quarter 4. A summary of the decisions is detailed below:-

Delegated Decision

2.2 A delegated decision was taken by the Chief Executive on 13 January 2014. The decision was to confirm to the Secretary of State the dissolution of the Leicestershire Business Rates Pool.

2.3 The Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules in relation to Call-In did not apply to this decision as any delay would have caused the council's interests to be prejudiced going forward. Therefore in accordance with Rule 13 (Call-In urgency) of part 4.6 of the Constitution the details of this decision were reported to the next available meeting of the Council on 25 February 2014. It is also included in this report for completeness, and as required by Rule 17.3 of part 4.3 of the Constitution.

Cabinet Decision

2.4 At its meeting on 11 February 2014, Cabinet considered a report entitled "Award of Temporary Agency Staffing Contract".

2.5 It was resolved that "Cabinet awards the Council's temporary agency staff contract to Comensura via the ESPO MSTAR framework".

2.6 Members were advised that the decision to be taken was urgent for the following reason:-

"The procurement process for this contract had not been completed at the time the Executive Decision Notice was published".

3.0 CONCLUSION

3.1 In line with the Special Urgency Procedure the Chairman of the Policy Development Group had agreed that the decisions proposed were reasonable in all circumstances and that they should be treated as a matter of urgency.