

Title of Report	NOTIFICATION OF URGENT DECISIONS – WAIVER OF CALL-IN	
Presented by	Councillor Richard Blunt Leader of the Council	
Background Papers	<u>Confidential Report to Cabinet - 29 September 2020 – Leisure</u> <u>Confidential Report to Cabinet – 20 October 2020 - Payroll</u>	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	Any financial implications were detailed in the reports that were considered by Cabinet.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	Any legal implications were detailed in the reports that were considered by Cabinet.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	Any staffing and corporate implications were detailed in the reports that were considered by Cabinet.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	In accordance with the Council's Constitution, to formally report that the Cabinet has taken two decisions on which the Call-In process was suspended because it was considered to be urgent and, if delayed, the Council's interests would be seriously prejudiced.	
Recommendations	THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE REPORT	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As set out in Rule 13(g)(i) (call-in urgency) of Part 4.6 of the Council's Constitution, the call-in procedure may be suspended where a decision being taken by the Cabinet is urgent. A decision is considered urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.
- 1.2 In all circumstances, the Chairman of the Council must agree that the decision is reasonable and must agree to the decision being treated as a matter of urgency.
- 1.3 Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be recorded in the minutes and be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

2.0 SUMMARY OF THE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET

2.1 Two executive decisions were taken by Cabinet, where the Chairman of the Council agreed that any delay caused by call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

2.2 A summary of each decision made is detailed below:-

3.0 THE RECOVERY OF OUR LEISURE CENTRES AND THE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT WITH EVERYONE ACTIVE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2020

3.1 On 23 July a report went to Cabinet outlining the position with the council's leisure partner, Everyone Active (EA), due to Covid-19. The report highlighted the financial support already given to EA during the period of leisure centres closure, the impact Covid-19 was likely to have on re-opening the centres both in terms of customer experience and reductions in income, the emerging picture both nationally and across Leicestershire, and the recommendations for supporting EA during the period of July to September (inclusive) and the financial implications to the council of not doing this.

3.2 It was approved by Cabinet at the meeting that;

- A financial support package be agreed
- Authority be delegated to the Head of Community Services, in liaison with the Head of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, to agree the amount of monthly financial support based on actual monthly costs and income on an open book arrangement
- A further report be taken to Cabinet in September to update on progress and to consider approaches for the period from October to 31 March 2021, inclusive.

3.3 Consequently, a further report went to Cabinet in September outlining performance of the contract during the reopening period and seeking approval to continue to financially support EA for the period from October 1 to March 31 inclusive.

3.4 Since any call-in period following the Cabinet meeting would have prejudiced the ability of the council to confirm financial support to EA from 1 October 2020, the Chairman of the Council agreed the item was urgent and gave approval for the call in period to be waived.

4.0 PAYROLL PROVISION SOFTWARE - AWARD OF CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF 5 YEARS - 20 OCTOBER 2020

4.1 NWLDC have negotiated a commercial opportunity with Harborough District Council (HDC) in order that NWLDC will supply Payroll and HR services to HDC for the next 5 years. In order to do this HDC will need to be added to our contract with MHR for its iTrent system.

4.2 Instead of adding HDC to our current contract which is due to expire in under a year. MHR have agreed to the early termination of our current contract upon the commencement of a new contract which includes HDC.

- 4.3 There are set up requirements before HDC can 'go live' on our systems. This means that in order to have an effective 5 year service contract with HDC the new contract with MHR must commence earlier so that the set up requirements can be facilitated. In order for a go live date of the 1 April 2021 the new contract with MHR needs to be entered into by the 1 November 2020 resulting in a 5 year 5 month contract.
- 4.4 Due to the time frames involved a waiver to the normal call-in period was agreed by the Chairman of the Council.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Supporting Coalville to be a more vibrant, family-friendly town Support for businesses and helping people into local jobs Developing a clean and green district Local people live in high quality, affordable homes Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	As detailed in each report that was considered by Cabinet.
Safeguarding:	Not applicable
Equalities/Diversity:	Not applicable.
Customer Impact:	Not applicable
Economic and Social Impact:	Not applicable
Environment and Climate Change:	Not applicable
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Chairman of the Council
Risks:	To comply with Rule 13 (call-in urgency) of Part 4.6 of the Council's Constitution that suspensions of Call-In in relation to urgent decisions made by Cabinet are to be reported to Council.
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