NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025



Title of Report	URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET	
Presented by	Councillor Richard Blunt Leader of the Council	
Background Papers	Council's Constitution Cabinet Agenda – 9 January 2025	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	Financial implications were taken into account by Cabinet in reaching its decision for the report detailed in paragraph 2.3.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	Legal implications were taken into account by the Cabinet in reaching the decisions. Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	There are no staffing and corporate implications	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	In accordance with the Council's Constitution, to formally report that 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.	
Recommendations	THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE REPORT.	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As set out in Rule 15 (call-in urgency) of Part 3, Section D 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 Chair 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.
- 1.4 Decisions that required the waiver of call-in are detailed at section 2 of the report.

2.0 WAIVER OF CALL-IN DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET

- 2.1 Three executive decisions were taken by Cabinet, where the Chair of the Council agreed that any delay caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.
- 2.2 A summary of the decisions made are detailed below:
- 2.3 Cabinet Thursday, 9 January 2025
 - Draft Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators
 - Draft General Fund Budget 2025/26
 - Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget and Rents 2025/26

The Council is required to consult on its planned budgets every year. Due to the timing of Local Government Finance Settlement, Cabinet was not able to consider the draft budget for consultation until 9 January 2025. In order to maximise the time allowed for the consultation, the Chairman agreed to waive the call-in period on the reports detailed above. This enabled the consultation to start the day after Cabinet and run for two weeks.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate		
Council Priorities:	Planning and regeneration	
	Clean, green and Zero Carbon	
	Communities and housing	
	A well-run council	
Policy Considerations:	As detailed on each report that was considered by Cabinet.	
Safeguarding:	As detailed on each report that was considered by Cabinet.	
Equalities/Diversity:	As detailed on each report that was considered by Cabinet.	
Customer Impact:	As detailed on each report that was considered by Cabinet.	
Economic and Social Impact:	As detailed on each report that was considered by Cabinet.	
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon:	As detailed on each report that was considered by Cabinet.	
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	Chair of the Council	
Risks:	To comply with Special Urgency Rule 15, Section C of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, the decisions made by Cabinet are to be reported to Council and Rule 15 (call-in urgency), Section D of Part 3 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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