



Report To: Council
Lead Officer: Monitoring Officer

29 November 2018

Urgent Executive Decisions

Purpose

1. To provide an information report on a decision which was exempted from call-in under Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules 12.18 – 12.20.

Recommendations

2. That the report be noted.

Reason for Recommendation

3. The report is for information and is submitted to Council in accordance with Rule 12.19 of the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules.

Background

4. Rule 12.18 of the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution provides that the call-in procedure shall not apply where the decision being taken by the executive decision taker is urgent. 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's interests. The Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee must both agree that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.
5. Rule 12.19 provides that decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for the urgency.
6. Council is advised of the following urgent decision taken:-

Title	Decision taken	Date	Decision taker	Reason for urgency
Constituent Council Consent for Business Rates Pilot	Cabinet: 1. Agreed to the submission of the Business Rates Pilot Scheme submission	24 September 2018	Cabinet	The Government's deadline for submission of bids was 25 September 2018.

Scheme Submission 2019/20

19/20 bid as outlined in the report, with the additional funds to be apportioned in accordance with the principles set out in the pilot submission, namely that additional funds retained by the local area will be apportioned as follows:

- If any local authority is worse off as a result of being in the pilot, they will receive funding to put them back to the level they would have been in had they not participated in the pilot (an internal no-detriment clause) underwritten by the Combined Authority;
- Pre-approved costs related to the running of the pool/pilot will be retained by the lead authority;
- 10% (about £2 million) of the remaining funds will create a Business Growth Fund, held by the Combined Authority to promote further growth across the area;
- 10% (about £2 million) will be split between the two Social Care Authorities (Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council) in recognition that the costs of growth fall disproportionately on these authorities;
- The remaining 80% (about £16 million) will be distributed per

The decision therefore needed to be implemented before the expiry of any call-in period in view of the deadline set by the Government for submission of bids.

	<p>capita across all constituent authorities (Peterborough's population is counted twice to take account of its upper and lower tier responsibilities); and</p> <p>2. Authorised the Section 151 Officer to make any minor amendments that did not affect the substantive meaning of the bid.</p>			
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7. The agenda, reports and minutes for the Extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet on 24 September 2018 at which this item was considered may be viewed via the following link:-

[Extraordinary Cabinet papers - 24 September 2018](#)

Implications

8. Taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, there are no significant implications in connection with this information report.

Effect on Strategic Aims

9. This report is for information and has no effect on Strategic Aims.

Background Papers

10. No background papers were used in preparation of this report.

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