

COUNCIL – 16 FEBRUARY 2012

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 17 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES (CALL-IN AND URGENCY)

I wish to report that the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave his consent, under Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, to the following issue being dealt with, on the basis that the decisions could not be reasonably deferred and therefore not subject to call-in.

CABINET URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE - 17 NOVEMBER 2011

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director - Place reviewing the contractual arrangements between the Council and Capita Symonds. The risks, liabilities and benefits of the proposed course of action were identified within the report and an estimation of the costs of the known elements of risk/liability was set out.

Members had a full and detailed discussion on the matters contained within the report and the appendix containing the external legal advice received. The Strategic Director (Place) informed Members of additional legal advice that had been received following publication of the report.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) after consideration of the risks and benefits outlined within the report the Strategic Director - Place, the Head of Corporate Legal Services and the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT be authorised to undertake the actions detailed in section 3 of the report;
- (2) it be noted that the proposal was a Key Decision but, unfortunately, had not been included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions. Consequently, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) has been consulted under Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution, to the decision being made by the Committee as a matter of urgency on the basis that it was impracticable to defer the decision until the commencement of the next Forward Plan because of the timescales and confidentiality involved; and
- (3) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) had given his consent under Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules for these decisions to be treated as urgent and not subject to "call-in" on the basis that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred because of the timescales and confidentiality involved.

Councillor P. Dowd
Leader of the Council