

AGENDA ITEM No. 15

COUNCIL – 5 JULY 2012

MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 17 OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES (CALL-IN AND URGENCY) OF THE CONSTITUTION

Question submitted by Councillor S. McGuire to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) - Councillor McGinnity.

“I note that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) gave his consent under Rule 17 for the decision by Cabinet on the Appointment of Representatives on Joint Authorities to be treated as “urgent”, meaning that it was not subject to possible “call-in”.

How does he justify this matter as being urgent?”

Response:

These decisions were treated as urgent and not subject to “call-in” on the basis that they could not be reasonably deferred because of the scheduled meetings and induction sessions of the Joint Authorities.

We are required to give the Joint Authorities 28 days notice of the proposed representation for the forthcoming year and if “call-in” had not been waived, the call-in period would have been from 29 May to 6 June 2012. If a call-in request had been received it would have been submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) on 12 June 2012 and this would have prevented the requisite notice being given to the Joint Authorities prior to their scheduled Annual General Meetings.