

CONSTITUTION (SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES) : RULE 17

This memorandum is to confirm that I have been consulted on behalf of the Leader of the Council and that I have given my consent under Rule 17 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution to the following issue not being subject to call-in:

Southport Cultural Centre – Temporary Library Service
on the basis that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred because of the limited time for being able to spend the external grant, the call-in period is asked to be waived in order to progress the scheme to ensure that there is no risk to the Council from having any grant clawed-back and having to meet any difference from the Council's own capital resources.

Comments (If appropriate):-

This is the third of four reports in connection with the Cultural Centre scheme. Southport Members have requested that during the construction period of the scheme a temporary replacement for Southport library must be found in the town centre. This report presents a range of options from which Cabinet are requested to decide one. Each option has cost implications and varying timescales for delivery and, therefore, the potential to delay the commencement of works and expenditure and put the Council at risk of not expending sufficiently to draw down the full £8m of external funding with any difference adding to the amount the Council will need to fund from the £15.3m budget.

I understand that a report on the circumstances of the use of Rule 17 will be submitted to the Council in due course.



Signed:

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (XXXX)

9 November 2009

Date:

NB: In the absence of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the agreement of the Vice Chair or the Chief Executive or his nominee will be obtained.