

**CONSTITUTION – RULE 46 OF THE OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES (CALL-IN AND URGENCY)**

This memorandum is to confirm that I have been consulted by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher) and that I have given my consent under Rule 46 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution to the following issue not being subject to call-in:


On the basis that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred because Sefton are required to formally confirm to Halton BC by no later than the 2nd February 2018 that they wish to be included in the Liverpool City Region traffic signal maintenance Contract.

Each individual Authority is seeking similar permissions to participate within the Contract and the dates of their respective Cabinet / Exec' Board meetings are fortunately in advance of the February deadline listed above. If 'call-in' could not be waived on this occasion then Sefton would be the only Authority to miss the above deadline which in turn would prevent the timely award of the Contract and subsequently delay the proposed start date of the 1st April 2018. This would have implications for not only Sefton but the other five LCR Authorities.

For information, the procurement exercise and subsequent tender evaluation stage took longer than originally planned as there were a number of issues that had to be resolved with the bidding Contractors before a provisional outcome to the process could be finalised and a preferred Contractor be determined. Without these unforeseen delays there would have been no need to request this waiver and the report may have possibly been taken to the earlier Cabinet meeting in January.

Comments (If appropriate):-

I understand that a report on the circumstances of the use of Rule 46 will be submitted to the Council in due course.



Signed
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)

Date11TH January 2018.....

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