

**CONSTITUTION - RULE 29 OF THE ACCESS TO
INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES (SPECIAL URGENCY)**

This memorandum is to confirm that I have been consulted by the Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Fairclough) under Rule 29 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution to the following issue:-



Approval for the termination of the current CCS Gas framework and subsequent appointment to the NEPO Gas Framework for a two year interim contract, in order to secure early financial savings.

being dealt with by the Cabinet as a matter of urgency on the basis that it is impracticable to defer the decision because the contract must be terminated before 17th September 2019 under our current contract rules. Subsequent prices will also be subject to market forces and we wish to secure prices early to achieve a financial saving for the council, schools and partners on our energy portfolio.

Options for remaining within the CCS framework were withdrawn on 2 September 2019, which necessitated this action, to secure current prices.

Comments(if appropriate):-

I understand that a report on the circumstances of the use of Rule 29 will be submitted by the Leader to the Council in due course.

Signed		
	Deputy Leader Councillor John Fairclough	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Bradshaw
Date	4 th September 2019	4 th September 2019

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