

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

USE OF URGENCY PROCEDURES

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Policy Committee on the use of the Council's Urgency Procedures in the last six month monitoring period (April 2016 – September 2016).

Information and Advice

2. The Constitution sets out procedures to deal with events which require a decision outside of a committee's normal cycle of meetings. The use of these procedures should periodically be reported to Policy Committee.
3. The procedures enable urgent decisions by committee, calling an additional meeting of a committee or an urgent decision by the Chief Executive. Such decisions are reported to the next meeting of the relevant committee.
4. The following decision was taken using the urgency procedures in the period April 2016 – September 2016:-

URGENT DECISION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Decision taken</u>	<u>Reason for Urgency</u>
28/4/16	<p>The Council ends its relationship with the current Developer for the proposed Eastwood Extra Care.</p> <p>ASCH officers undertake internal scoping work with colleagues in Strategic Property to explore developing Extra Care scheme on a smaller plot within the Walker Street site. The use of a smaller site would provide the Council with a capital receipt to offset the cost of investing in Extra Care, as well as providing sufficient remaining land on the site to be able to progress with the redevelopment of Lynncroft Primary.</p> <p>The EFA are given permission to develop the project for the new school on land</p>	<p>Projects in this round of the PSBP must be completed by the end of 2017. This means that the EFA must raise a viable project with the contractor at the start of May this year. If this is not achieved the school will drop into the second round of the programme and is unlikely to be completed for another 4 years. This is over half a child's time within primary education. The Council thus has a limited window of opportunity to work with the EFA to develop a viable scheme and provide a 21st century environment for these young people.</p>

	<p>currently allocated as part of the Extra Care development.</p> <p>When the project is complete the current school site (subject to planning permission) is included in land to be sold for development.</p>	
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5. In line with the Urgency Procedures, a report explaining the need for the decision to be taken urgently and the wider context was submitted to the subsequent meeting of the Adult Social care and Health Committee on 16 May 2016.
6. Use of the Urgency Procedures has been limited and appropriate and these procedures have only been utilised when it was in the public interest to do so.

Other Options Considered

7. None – Members are asked to note the update.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. To enable the Committee to be updated on the use of the urgency procedures, in line with the Council’s Constitution.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, ways of working, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the use of the Council’s urgency procedures in the last six monthly monitoring period, to enable urgent decisions to be taken where appropriate, be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

As the report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (SES)

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Record of Urgent Decision by Chief Executive
- Report to Adult Social Care & Health Committee – 16 May 2016 - update regarding Eastwood Care Scheme and Lynncroft Primary redevelopment (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All