



Notice under Rule 17– of the Access to Information Procedure Rules Urgent Key Decision not included on Key Decision Plan

Matter to which this notice relates:

Proposed key decision:- Release of Boston Town Fund - Healing the High Street

Notice is hereby given that:

The Leader intends to make a key decision in respect of the above matter under Rule 17 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Normally any proposal to make a key decision must be published on the Council's Forward Plan, and at least 28 days must then pass before the key decision can be made. In this instance the key decision has not been included on any published Forward Plan, and there is insufficient time to do so. It would then normally be necessary, where practicable, to comply instead with Rule 16, of the Access to Information Procedure Rules. Rule 16 allows a key decision to be made, which has not been published on a Forward Plan, provided a notice is instead published advising that a key decision will be made once at least 5 clear days have passed since publication of the notice. However, there is not sufficient time to comply with Rule 16.

The decision, the subject of this notice, is required urgently, and cannot reasonably be deferred to enable compliance with the above requirements, in order to meet the requirements posed by a short, externally imposed deadline (27th March), which gave the Authority one week to complete a particular grant funding agreement.

In accordance with Rule 17 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules:

- Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Mayor (or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor) has agreed both that the decision is reasonable in all the circumstances and that the decision may be taken urgently; and
- As the decision is urgent, the call-in procedure will not apply and the decision will take effect immediately.

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