

# COUNCIL

28 MARCH 2017

## REPORT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

### A.1 EXECUTIVE DECISION TAKEN AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

#### PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

##### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To notify Members of any recent Executive Decision(s) taken in the circumstances set out in the Council's Constitution in:-

- (a) Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Special Urgency); and/or
- (b) Rule 18(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Call-in and Urgency).

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 16.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and Rule 18(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this report notifies Members of any recent Executive Decision(s) taken in the circumstances set out in Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and/or Rule 18(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the contents of the report be noted.**

#### PART 2 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

##### **BACKGROUND**

The "Special Urgency" procedure in Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules provides that where a key decision cannot be reasonably deferred to allow the procedure in Rule 14 (General Exception) of those procedure rules to be followed, it may still be taken with the agreement of the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or failing him/her, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Rule 18(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules provides that the "call-in" procedure will not apply to a decision if the Chairman, or failing him/her the Vice-Chairman, of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee agrees both that the decision is reasonable in all its circumstances and that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

##### **DECISION TAKEN AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

##### **Men's Cycle Tour of Britain 2017**

On 28 February 2017, in view of the urgency of the issue concerned and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and Rule 18(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, I sought and subsequently obtained the Chairman of the Corporate Management Committee's (Councillor Steady) consent that my decision relating

to agreeing that the Council makes a bid to bring a time trial stage of the Men's Tour of Britain 2017 to the District of Tendring should be taken under the Special Urgency procedure and also be exempt from the call-in procedure.

My decision was as follows:

*“(a) The Leader agrees that the Council makes a bid to bring a time trial stage of the Men's Tour of Britain 2017 to the District of Tendring;*

*(b) That the additional funding required of up to £95,000 be met from the New Homes Bonus and added to the £65,000 that was included in the budget for the Women's Tour to fully fund the event; and*

*(c) To delegate to the Corporate Director (Operational Services) to undertake the necessary actions to facilitate the bid and host the event in 2017.”;*

It was felt that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process and by not being allowed to use the special urgency process would have seriously prejudiced the Council's and the public's interest for the following reasons:-

*“A time limited offer was made to the Council in respect of making a financial contribution to bring a stage of the Men's Tour of Britain cycling event to the Tendring District in September 2017.*

*It was felt that a significant economic/tourism opportunity would be missed if it was not agreed to bid to host a key stage of the Men's Tour.”*

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Letter dated 28 February 2017 from the Leader of the Council to the Chairman of the Corporate Management Committee.

Reply dated 1 March 2017 from the Chairman of the Corporate Management Committee signifying consent to allow the decision to be taken under the Special Urgency procedure and to be exempted from call-in.

Report from the Corporate Director (Operational Services) to the Leader of the Council.

Executive Decision dated 1 March 2017.

## **APPENDICES**

None.