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## **URGENT DECISION – PROCUREMENT OF SUITABLE THIRD PARTY TO OPERATE THE AMUSEMENT PARK, DREAMLAND**

To: **Council – 10 July 2014**

By: **Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Wards: **All**

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**Summary:** **To inform Council of an urgent decision, not subject to call-in, taken by Cabinet on 1 May 2014**

### **For Information**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1. In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15 (L), any urgent decision, not subject to call-in, shall be reported to the next available meeting of Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

#### **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.1 On 1 May 2014, Cabinet resolved to approve the procurement of a suitable third party to operate the amusement park in line with the process detailed in the Cabinet report (*attached as Annex 1*).
- 2.3 Pursuant to Rule 15(L) of the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Chairman of Council gave her consent that the making of decision was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred for the following reasons:

*Given the timescales for the procurement and award of a public concession contract and the need to have a competent operator in place in time for the planned opening of the Dreamland Amusement Park in April 2015. The decision should be excluded from “Call-In” as the delay caused by the Call-In process could potentially delay the commencement of the procurement exercise by at least one cycle thus placing at risk the timely award of a concession contract in time for the planned opening of the Park.*

*As the potential delay associated with Call-In could prevent the timely award of a concession contract to a suitably qualified Park Operator in time for the planned opening of the Dreamland Amusement Park in 2015, it can reasonably be said that the delay likely to be caused by Call-In would seriously prejudice the Council’s interests and the public interest.*

- 2.5 The published decision notice is attached at Annex 2.

#### **3.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **3.1 Financial and VAT**

- 3.1.1 As detailed in the report supporting the decision, Annex 1

## **3.2 Legal**

3.2.1 As detailed in the report supporting the decision, Annex 1

## **3.3 Corporate**

3.3.1 As detailed in the report supporting the decision, Annex 1

## **3.4 Equity and Equalities**

3.4.1 As detailed in the report supporting the decision, Annex 1

## **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 That this report be received and noted.

## **5.0 Decision Making Process**

5.1 The decision was taken by the Cabinet on 1 May 2014 and the Chairman of Council has given her written consent to it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Rule 15 (L) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

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### ***Annex List***

Annex 1	Cabinet Report supporting the urgent decision
Annex 2	Record of urgent decision by Cabinet

### ***Background Papers***

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>
None	

### ***Corporate Consultation Undertaken***

Finance	n/a
Legal	n/a