

Report to Council on two Urgent Decisions under Rule 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

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Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	All

Executive Summary:

This report notifies Council of the use of powers to take two urgent decisions by Cabinet under Rule 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in the Constitution.

Recommendation(s):

None - the Report is for Information only.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

Please see comments in the original reports.

Legal

Rule 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in the Constitution states that all decisions outside the Budget and Policy Framework should be made by full Council. These matters were urgent decisions made by individual Cabinet members to move external funding into the Capital Programme, in order to deliver the next steps required for the external funding. The Constitution states that Cabinet can deal with this decision as an urgent matter, subject to the agreement of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It also states that, following the urgent decision, a report will be taken to the next meeting of Council to explain the decision and the reason for the urgent decision.

Corporate

Please see comments in the original report

Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

Please see comments in the original report

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -
(delete as appropriate)

- *Growth*

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The first urgent report was agreed by an individual Cabinet member on 6 January, 2021 entitled "Capital Works Programme - 51-57 High Street, Margate." The second was decided by an individual Cabinet member on 3 June, 2021 entitled "Capital Project - High Street Heritage Action Zone Grant Payment".
- 1.2 As urgent decisions outside the budget framework, the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny was informed and gave consent for the matter to be dealt with by Cabinet.
- 1.3 The original reports can be found at the following links:

[Capital Works Programme - 51-57 High Street, Margate](#)
[Capital Project - High Street Heritage Action Zone Grant payment](#)

2.0 Reasons for the Urgent Decision

- 2.1 Cabinet was requested to consider the reports and make urgent decisions due to the timescales required for the external funding and project timescales. Delaying the decisions would have impacted on the projects.
- 2.2 Both decisions were to move external funding received by the Council, for specific projects, into the Capital Programme, which requires it to be reported to the Full Council.
- 2.3 The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny was consulted on the matter and agreed that the matters should be dealt with by individual Cabinet Member decisions under Part 4 Council Procedure Rules, specifically the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rule 4.0 (a and b) on urgent decisions outside the Budget.

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