

## URGENT DECISIONS

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**Wards affected:** (All Wards);

**Urgent Decision?(yes/no)**

**If yes, reason urgent decision  
required:**

**Appendices (attached):**

### Summary

To report to the committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

### Recommendation (s)

#### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the urgent decisions taken and the reasons for those decisions, since the last meeting of the Committee.**

## 1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To report to the committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 The scheme of delegation sets out that the Chief Executive and Directors are authorised to take decisions on grounds of urgency regarding matters which would otherwise be reserved for determination by a Committee or Council. A matter can be deemed urgent if, in the reasonable opinion of the officer concerned, a delay would seriously prejudice the interest of the Council or of the public and it is not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of the relevant decision-making body in sufficient time to take the decision.

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2.2 Since the last meeting of the Committee, two urgent decisions have been taken by the Chief Executive and Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair, Cllr Steven McCormick, and published in Member News in line with the Council's Constitution. The decisions are set out below.

2.2.1 **Decision 120** - Response to Government Consultation – Strengthening planning policy for brownfield development.

2.2.2 **Urgency reason for decision 120** - Insufficient time to meet consultation response deadline and convene a meeting of the committee. The consultation ran for 8 weeks over late February to early April, which did not allow time for consideration at a meeting of LPPC given the lead in times for reports and time needed to analyse the consultation.

2.2.3 **Decision 122** - Response to government consultation: Changes to various permitted development rights.

2.2.4 **Urgency reason for decision 122** - Insufficient time to meet consultation response deadline and convene a meeting of the committee. The consultation ran for 8 weeks over late February to early April which did not allow time for consideration at a meeting of LPPC given the lead in times for reports and time needed to analyse the consultation.

### 3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None arising directly from this report

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None arise from this report

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None arise from this report

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None arise from this report

3.5 Other

3.5.1 none

### 4 Financial Implications

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4.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Finance are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.

### 5 Legal Implications

5.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** Legal are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.

### 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- N/A

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations –** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** - None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** N/A

### 7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

**Previous reports:**

- None.

**Other papers:**

- None.