



## COUNCIL, 16 SEPTEMBER 2015

### REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**SUBJECT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RULES – EXCEPTIONS TO THE CALL-IN (REQUISITION) PROCEDURE**

#### **SUMMARY**

Under paragraph 18e of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Leader of the Council is required to submit reports to Council on decisions taken by himself, Cabinet or individual Cabinet members, or key decision made by a member of staff in the circumstances set out in Rule 18 (exemption to the call-in (requisition) procedure) in the preceding three months.

This report deals with 1 such decision:

- 1) Romford Leisure Development – Finalise of outstanding pre-conditions on property contract (*CONTAINS AN EXEMPT APPENDIX*)

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report be noted.

#### **REPORT DETAIL**

- 1 Rule 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules provides that:

- (a) **The call-in procedure shall not apply where a decision being taken by Cabinet or an individual Cabinet member, or a key decision made by a member of staff is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interests. The record of the decision and notice by which it is made shall state whether in the opinion of the decision making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in.**
- (b) **The decision making person or body can only take an urgent decision under (a) above and avoid the call-in procedures after obtaining agreement from the Chairman of the Board that the decision be treated as urgent.**

- 2 Romford Leisure Development – Finalise of outstanding pre-conditions on property contract
  - 2.1 On behalf of Cabinet, Andrew Blake-Herbert, Group Director of Resources and Communities, sought agreement from the Chairman of the Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Leader of the Council concerning the finalising of outstanding pre-conditions on property contract for the Romford Leisure Development.
  - 2.2 The Chairman of the Board, Councillor Gillian Ford, gave her agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:
  - 2.3 It was necessary to trigger commencement of enabling works on the Romford Leisure Development site and eventual completion of the land contracts. These are complex matters involving many elements of activity and now need to be formally dealt with and committed to as soon as possible in order to secure the earliest possible start on the development of the leisure centre.

### **Financial Implications and Risks:**

While there were financial implications around the decisions described in this report, there are none directly associated with this report.

### **Legal Implications and Risks:**

There are no immediate legal implications directly associated with this report.

**Human Resource Implications and Risks:**

There are none directly associated with this report.

**Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks:**

There are none directly associated with this report.

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**Background paper List**

1. Key Executive Decision concerning the finalising of outstanding pre-conditions on property contract for the Romford Leisure Development dated 19 June 2015.