

Changes to the Cabinet Procedure Rules:

Proposed new rule

3.0 Cabinet may consult Council

- 3.1 Where it appears to the Cabinet that a decision involves matters on which it would like to receive the views of members at a meeting of the Council, the Cabinet may resolve so to do.
- 3.2 The effect of a resolution under Rule 3.1, is that the decision will stand deferred to the next meeting of the Cabinet which follows the Council's consideration of the matter in question.
- 3.3 For the avoidance of doubt,
- (a) a resolution under Rule 3.1 is entirely a matter for the Cabinet at its absolute discretion;
 - (b) the views of the Council are not binding on the Cabinet; and
 - (c) nothing in this Rule 3 (or a decision or resolution under it) transfers responsibility for any function or matter to the Council where, under this Constitution and the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations 2000, such function or matter is the responsibility of the Cabinet.

Changes to the Access to Information Rules:

Rule 16 - Special Urgency

Existing

- 16.4 As soon as reasonably practicable after the decision maker has obtained agreement under Rule 16.3, he/she must make available at and publish on (if any a notice setting out the reasons that the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Proposed

- 16.4 As soon as reasonably practicable after the decision maker has obtained agreement under Rule 16.3 (and in any event by no later than the next working day), a notice of the decision must be published setting out the reasons why the decision is urgent and has been taken under this Rule 16.

Rule 17 - Report to Council

Rule 17.3 – Quarterly reports on special urgency decisions

Existing

- 17.3 In any event the Leader of the Council will submit quarterly reports to the Council on the Cabinet decisions taken in the circumstances set out in Rule 16 (special urgency) in the preceding three months. The report will include the number of decisions so taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which those decisions were taken.

Proposed

- 17.3 The Leader will report all Cabinet decisions taken under Rule 16 (special urgency) to the next meeting of the Council, such report to include a summary of the decision(s) taken. The report may be given verbally where the decision is taken after the publication of the agenda for the Council meeting.