

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CALL-IN EXEMPTION

Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16

Request to bid for Social Housing Decarbonisation Grant (wave 2.2)

To the Chairman of North Yorkshire County Council

The County Council's Constitution provides that where the call-in procedure would otherwise apply to an executive decision, it shall not apply where the decision being taken is urgent.

Under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16:

(h) The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken by the Executive 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 interest. The Chairman of the council must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman's consent shall be required. In the absence of both, the Head of Paid Service or his/her nominee's consent shall be required. Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

It is anticipated that on 9 January 2024 a report seeking authorisation to submit a bid for Social Housing Decarbonisation Funding will be considered by the Corporate Director for Resources. The Council is able to bid for Wave 2.2 of this fund with an anticipated bidding date of 19th January 2024. The bid value is anticipated to be up to £3million, with a total project cost of up to £6million and would support the housing retrofit of approximately 150 dwellings. The intention to make this key decision has been published on the Forward Plan for the requisite 28 clear day period.

In light of the timescales for this matter, the decision must be implemented immediately upon it being taken without allowing for the call in period in order meet the deadline for the submission of bids. This matter therefore requires an urgent decision by Corporate Director of Resources on 9 January 2024, and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration and implementation of the matter, which will not allow for the usual 5 clear working day call-in period. Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(h) enables matters to be determined on an urgency basis and be exempt from call-in, where any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest. Should the call in period not be exempted, then the opportunity to bid for the funding would be lost.

In accordance with the provisions in this Rule, I am therefore seeking your agreement that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency (where any delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest) and exempt from call-in. If you so agree, will you please so confirm in writing as soon as possible.

BARRY KHAN

Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and Monitoring Officer

Dated: 19 December 2023

I agree, for the reasons stated in this notice, that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances, to it being treated as a matter of urgency and exempt from call-in.

Signed Cllr David Ireton

Date 19 December 2023

Chairman of North Yorkshire County Council