

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF URGENT ITEM

Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 – Special Urgency

Foregill Bridge - Award of Contract

To the Chairman of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Council's Constitution provides that if a matter which is likely to be a key decision has not been included on the Council's Forward Plan for the requisite period, the decision may still be taken if an urgency procedure is followed.

Under Access to Information Procedure Rule 16:

16.1 Where the date by which a decision must be made makes compliance with Rule 15 (general exception) impracticable, then the decision can only be made if the decision maker (if an individual) or the Chairman of the body making the decision, obtains the written agreement of the Chairman of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. If there is no Chairman of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman will suffice.

16.2 As soon as reasonably practicable after the decision maker has obtained agreement under Rule 16.1 above, s/he must make available at the Council's offices a notice setting out the reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and publish the notice on the Council's website.

It is anticipated that on 14 Jun 2024, the Assistant Director - Resources (Environment) will consider a report seeking approval to award a contract for repair works to be carried out at Foregill Bridge, Richmond.

The intention to make the key decision is published on the Forward Plan however it has not been published on the Plan for the requisite 28 day period.

This matter requires a decision by the Assistant Director - Resources (Environment) on 14 Jun 2024 and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration and progress of this matter. During temporary stabilisation works, two large voids within the structure were uncovered. Therefore the structure is in a partially collapsed state and requires urgent repair. To leave these structures without urgent maintenance poses a risk to public safety and may impact on the local area.

In accordance with the provisions in the Access to Information Procedure Rules, I am, therefore, informing you as the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it is intended that this matter be considered by the Assistant Director - Resources (Environment) on 14 Jun 2024 and I am seeking your agreement that the meeting and the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred beyond this timeframe. If you agree that the meeting and the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and that this item should be considered on 14 Jun 2024, will you please so confirm in writing as soon as possible.

BARRY KHAN

Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Dated: 10 June 2024

I agree, for the reasons stated in this notice, that the meeting and the making of this decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and that this item should be considered on 14 Jun 2024.

Signed Cllr Andrew Williams

Date 10 June 2024

Chairman of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee