

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF URGENT ITEM

Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 – Special Urgency

Acceptance of External Grant Funding – £425,000 National Lottery Reaching Communities

To the Chair 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 Chair of the body making the decision, obtains the written agreement of the Chair of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. If there is no Chair of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if the Chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chair of the Council, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chair 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/or before 26 January 2025, the Assistant Director - Resources (Resources Management Team) will consider a report regarding the acceptance of £425,000 of pre-awarded grant funding from the National Lottery Reaching Community Fund. This funding will finance the delivery of the Council's 'Swift: Enabling Sustainable Migrant Communities in North Yorkshire' project. The project will be delivered for migrant communities across North Yorkshire and thus falls within the key decision criteria. Corporate agreement is needed before a formal grant agreement can be entered into with the funder.

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 (Resources Management Team) on/or before 26 January 2025 and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration and progress of this matter. The Swift project is due to start on 1 April 2025. Staff recruitment into the project cannot take place by the contracted delivery partners until we have formally accepted the funding. As such, we need to accept the grant funding as a matter of urgency to prevent any delays in the delivery of the project.

In accordance with the provisions in the Access to Information Procedure Rules, I am, therefore, informing you as the Chair of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it is intended that this matter be considered by the Assistant Director - Resources (Resources Management Team) on/or before 26 January 2025 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, will you please so confirm in writing as soon as possible.

BARRY KHAN
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

23 January 2025

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/or before 26 January 2025.

Signed Date

Chair of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee