

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

RULE 8 (CABINET PROCEDURE RULES) SPECIAL URGENCY

Science Park Guarantee

In line with the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, agreement has been sought from the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee (CIRS Scrutiny) to deal with the above matter as an urgent matter (special urgency) at the next Cabinet Meeting on 29 April 2024, in Part II of the meeting.

In line with the principles of the Regulations (5(6), 10 and 11) to this matter needs to be dealt with at the above meeting, but the required notice has not been given in the Council's Forward Plan AND for it to be considered in Part II of the meeting.

The reasons for consideration of this matter are that the science park previously called in a loan which DCC are joint guarantors with Exeter University. Cabinet previously agreed to pay its share of the guarantee. However, Cabinet needs to be asked to permit further flexibility in terms of how this is arranged.

Linking back to paragraphs 17.8 and 8 of the Scrutiny Procedure and Cabinet Procedure Rules respectively), the call-in procedure shall not apply to this urgent decision on the grounds that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would make the Council in default of its legal obligations.

The Chair of the CIRS Scrutiny Committee is satisfied that the decision is of special urgency and that it cannot reasonable be deferred.

Signed

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Chair of the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee

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