

**Council Meeting**

**7 April 2009**

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

AGENDA ITEM 5.3.1

**1. REPORTS EXEMPTED FROM THE CALL-IN PROCESS BECAUSE THEY ARE URGENT:**

These matters are reported to the Council to meet Constitutional requirements. No action is required by the Council and the decision has been implemented.

In the cases listed below, the Chairman of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decisions proposed were reasonable in all the circumstances, were urgent and therefore had consented to the proposed decisions being exempted from call-in:

- (i) The Leader of the Council on the 27 February 2009 approved Treasury Management Strategy 2008/09, to increase the deposit counterparty limits. The next meeting of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee is not until 29 April, and , if called-in, the action proposed could not be implemented until then. The delay would seriously prejudice the Council's and the public's interests because failure to increase the counterparty limits for the Debt Management Office (DMO) account now would result in a breach in the revised 2008/09 Treasury Management Strategy approved by Cabinet on 23 October 2008 and subsequently amended by Delegated Powers Report 712.
- (ii) The Cabinet Resources Committee on the 5 March approved the urgent commencement of a procurement project to replace the Council's PERICLES system used for Council Tax, Business Rates and Benefits. This urgency is further exacerbated by the fact that for the procurement to go live, the process of such a system/conversion/migration will take at least a year and it is crucial that an appropriate software system to deal with Benefits, Council Tax and Business Rates is in place.
- (iii) The Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Members for Environment and Transport approved on 5 March 2009 the amending of the formatting and tariff charge errors contained with the report Fees and Charges for Environment Transport agreed by the Cabinet Resources Committee on 19 January 2009. The corrections need to be made urgently in order to be able to make the traffic orders and implement the changes in a timely manner. The interests and of the Council and the public would be harmed if the decision was called in to the next meeting of Cabinet and Overview Scrutiny Committee on 29 April 2009.

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