

**To the Chair and Members of the  
COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL  
URGENCY PROVISIONS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The law requires those key decisions that can be implemented immediately without a call-in period, to be reported to Council. Council agreed on 18th October, 2012 for such reports to be presented on an annual basis. This report outlines such decisions taken between the period 26th February, 2014 and 20th February, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. Council is asked to note the content of this report.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER**

3. The Council is committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance and ensuring that the decision making process is open and transparent. By reporting the key decisions taken under 'Special Urgency' provisions over the past year, the Council is ensuring the public are well informed with regard to the democratic processes undertaken.

**BACKGROUND**

4. At its meeting on 18th October, 2012, Council agreed in the light of the new Access to Information Regulations, to report to Council on an annual basis decisions taken using Special Urgency provisions provided for in legislation and reflected in the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution. Prior to the changes in the Access to Information Regulations, the Mayor was required to report such decisions to Council on a quarterly basis. This report reflects decisions taken up to 20th February, 2015, to coincide with the production of this report. Any decisions taken between this date and the Council meeting, will be reported orally at the meeting.
5. Set out below are the decisions taken that fall into this category, which were extracted from the Cabinet decision records:-

- (a) Management Agreement between St Leger Homes of Doncaster and DMBC - (Decision Reference No. S0353)

The decision was taken by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, Cabinet Member for Housing, Equalities and Cohesion, on 26th March, 2014, in agreement with Councillor Tony Revill, Chair of Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel. A copy of the Decision Record was circulated to all Members of the Council on 27th March, 2014.

- (b) Approval of the Contract with Doncaster Children's Services Trust for the Delivery of Social Care - (Decision Reference No. S0354)

This decision was taken by Cabinet on 17th September, 2014, in agreement with Councillor Rachel Hodson, the Chair of the Schools, Children and Young People's Panel. A copy of this decision record was circulated to all Members of Council on Friday 26th September, 2014.

### **OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

6. This report is for noting only and therefore, no options were considered.

### **IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES**

7. This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Priorities.

### **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

8. There are no risks and assumptions associated with this report.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. These are set out at paragraph 3 of this report.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

11. There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

### **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

12. There are no technology implications associated with this report.

### **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

13. There are no specific equality issues associated with this report

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Special Urgency Key Decisions (Rule 16) Reports and Cabinet Decision Records:-

- Management Agreement between St Leger Homes of Doncaster and DMBC (S0353)
- Approval of Contract with Doncaster Children's Services Trust for the Delivery of Social Care (S0354).

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