

SUBJECT	Report on Special Urgency
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WARD/S AFFECTED	Not Ward Specific

1. Purpose of Report

To report to full Council the urgent items considered by the Extraordinary Cabinet meetings held on 9 and 25 January, as required by Section 4.2 of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Full Council note the report.

2. Reasons for Recommendations

As set out in the section 4.2 of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

3. Content of Report

Details of the decisions and reasons for urgency are included below. The relevant notices were published to the Council's website in advance of the meetings.

9 January 2019 - Cabinet

Decision: Implementation of the new Unitary District Council: Cabinet were asked to consider whether the Council should formally consent to the Secretary of State's proposals in the draft Modification Regulations under section 15 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 and respond by the Government's deadline of 10 January 2019 to comply with timescales for laying the necessary Statutory Instrument in Parliament.

Reasons for Urgency: Under Rule 4.2 of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to urgent implementation of the Cabinet's decision without the call-in procedure applying because the MHCLG required the Council's decision on consent to proposed structural change in Buckinghamshire by 10 January 2019, to enable the necessary legislation to be laid in Parliament.

25 January 2019 - Cabinet

Decision: Implementation of a new Unitary District Council: Cabinet were asked to consider whether it was expedient for the promotion or protection of the interests of the inhabitants of South Bucks District to participate in legal proceedings for judicial review of the Secretary of State's decisions in respect of the Modifications Regulations and the Structural Changes Order, either alone or jointly with other District Councils which could be undertaken under section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972, and that the costs of any legal proceedings be met from the General reserve in accordance with urgency provisions under the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

Reasons for Urgency: There was a requirement for any legal proceedings to be issued as a matter of urgency because the Regulations in question had already been laid in Parliament, therefore an urgent decision was required by the Special Cabinet meeting on 24 January to decide if the Council should participate in legal proceedings. As required by Rule 4.2 of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to urgent implementation of the Cabinet's decision without the call-in procedure applying due to the requirement for any legal proceedings to be issued as a matter of urgency. As required by the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee also agreed that the decision to be taken by Cabinet was urgent and it was not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of full Council.

4. Consultation

In accordance with the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, as detailed above, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was consulted prior to the decisions being dealt with as a matter of urgency.

6. Corporate Implications

- 7.1 Financial: None arising from this report, the reports from the respective Extraordinary Cabinet meetings can be viewed on the Council's website.
- 7.2 Legal: This report has been provided in accordance with the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules which require decisions taken as a matter of urgency to be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

7. Next Steps

This report is to be noted by full Council at the meeting on 27 February 2019.

Background Papers:	Cabinet Papers – 9 January 2019 Cabinet Papers – 25 January 2019
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