

Record of Cabinet decisions Leader using urgency powers

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The record of decisions is subject to approval at the next meeting of the Cabinet

Future Hoo Progress Report

Background:

This report requested the Leader to agree to extend the consultation period on the draft Hoo Development Framework document, specified in decision no. 89/2022 from 7 weeks to 9 weeks, in light of discussions at the Special Council meeting on 8 September 2022 (which was adjourned and then reconvened on 15 September 2022) which considered the call-in by the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 August 2022, in relation to Cabinet decisions (89-91/2022).

The report set out the original decisions made by Cabinet in relation to Future Hoo, at its meeting on 26 July 2022, which were subsequently called in by eight Members of the Council from the Conservative Group and after consideration by the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, were referred to full Council for consideration.

At its special meeting, which concluded on 15 September 2022, Full Council agreed to take no further action, meaning the original Cabinet decisions 89/2022, 90/2022 and 91/2022 as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report, could be implemented.

During the special Council meeting, the Leader of the Council undertook to extend the period of consultation specified in decision no. 89/2002 from 7 weeks to 9 weeks, which would mean the consultation would start on 23 September 2022 for a period of 9 weeks, ending on 25 November 2022.

The Chairman of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the taking of these decisions were urgent and could not be reasonably deferred until the next Cabinet meeting on 18 October 2022, in

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accordance with Section 11 (Cases of special urgency) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 and Rule 17 (Special Urgency) of the Access to Information Rules (Part 2 of Chapter 4 in the Constitution). This is because Full Council had agreed to take no further action on this matter, which meant that Cabinet decisions 89-91/2022 therefore had taken effect and it was critical that the consultation period commence at the earliest opportunity (i.e. 23 September 2022).

Decision number: ***Decision:***

107/2022 **The Leader agreed, using urgency powers, to extend the consultation period on the draft Hoo Development Framework document, specified in decision no. 89/2022 from 7 weeks to 9 weeks.**

108/2022 **The Leader agreed, using urgency powers, for the consultation period to commence on 23 September 2022.**

Reasons:

To enable the Council to commence the consultation on the draft Hoo Development Framework at the earliest opportunity

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Leader of the Council

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