

SPECIAL URGENCY FORM

(The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000) (Regulation 16)

THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL SEEKS THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROSPEROUS STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE (OR IF HE OR SHE IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACT, THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL) FOR A KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN.

THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ALSO SEEKS THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATE REVIEW COMMITTEE (OR IF HE OR SHE IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACT, THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL) TO THE DECISION BEING EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN AS DELAY LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY THE CALL-IN PROCESS WOULD SERIOUSLY PREJUDICE THE COUNCIL'S OR THE PUBLIC'S INTERESTS OR THE INTERESTS OF ANY PERSON(S) TO WHOM THE DECISION RELATES.

SUBJECT: Rugeley All Through School

BACKGROUND:

There is a requirement to provide an additional 5 Forms of Entry (FE) of secondary provision and an additional 2FE of Primary Provision in Rugeley from September 2023. This is to mitigate the impact of a residential housing development on the former Rugeley Power Station site and to meet the additional Basic Need requirement for secondary provision in Rugeley.

The Department of Education (DfE) received an application for an All Through School (ATS) as part of the Wave 14 Free School process. Early February Staffordshire County Council (SCC) were advised that the Secretary of State for Education had decided that the application will proceed to the next stage of the process, the pre-opening phase.

REASONS WHY THE MAKING OF THE DECISION IS URGENT AND CANNOT REASONABLY AWAIT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CABINET:

A 3-way negotiation between the Department of Education, Engie (the developer) and Staffordshire County Council is time critical. It is essential that matters are concluded in order for the opening of the All Through School to be delivered as planned in accordance with the Wave 14 Free School process.

Signed: John Tradewell **Director of Corporate Services**

Signed: Alan White **Leader of the Council**

Signed: Ian Parry **Chairman of the Prosperous
Staffordshire Select Committee**

Signed: Colin Greatorex **Chairman of the Corporate Review
Committee**

Reference:

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