

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 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 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 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 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 SIGNIFICANTLY RISK THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ABILITY TO SEAL MULTIPLE LEGAL AGREEMENTS TO ENABLE THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO ELECT BY 31 MARCH 2023 TO DELIVER AN ALL THROUGH SCHOOL.

SUBJECT: Proposal for Delivery of the All Through School (ATS) at the Former Rugeley Power Station Site

BACKGROUND:

The Children and Families Directorate are recommending that the county council enters into legal agreements to enable delivery of an All Through School (ATS) on the site of the Former Rugeley Power Station by September 2025, at the earliest.

An ATS would resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Rugeley following the consolidation of secondary capacity by The Hart School. The ATS would also mitigate the impact of over 2,000 new homes planned on the Power Station site. Operated by a strong multi academy trust, John Taylor MAT, the ATS would unlock major investment to improve educational outcomes and ensure choice for families.

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

Urgent decisions are sought as the county council must conclude negotiations on multiple legal agreements with ENGIE/RPL (the site owner), Lichfield and Cannock Chase District Councils (the local planning authorities) and the Department for Education. Negotiations are at a critical, final stage and, subject to Cabinet approval, should be concluded shortly.

Signed:	John Tradewell	Director for Corporate Services
Signed:	Alan White	Leader of the Council
Signed:	Tina Clements	Chairman of the Prosperous Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Signed:	Colin Greatorex	Chairman of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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