

## **EXECUTIVE KEY DECISION – 21 MARCH 2025**

### **The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

#### **Notice of urgent decision taken under special urgency rules**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that it was impracticable to give prior notice of the taking of the following urgent decision, which was a Key Decision taken by the Chief Executive Officer on 21 March 2025.

#### **SPORTS ENGLAND FUNDING. SPSF PHASE 2**

The reasons why it has been impracticable to give prior notice of this decision are as follows:

Sports England notified the Council that it had sums of Swimming Pool Support Fund (SPSF) money unspent and that they could support the Council's 2nd claim from the funding scheme of £350,000 which was previously rejected due to oversubscription of the scheme.

The Council has been given a deadline to deliver the project by the 31 May 2025 and needs to take a quick decision to accept the funding in order to have a chance of delivering the project. Otherwise, the windfall funding and the opportunity to deliver a sustainable solution will be lost. Ultimately this project is essential to the Council in meeting the 2030 target of becoming a carbon neutral council.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred in accordance with Regulation 11.

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