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Councillor Stuart Langhorn,
Chairman of the Overview
and Scrutiny Committee.

HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Town Hall
Dalton Square
Lancaster
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DX 63531

14th April 2009

Dear Councillor,

URGENT BUSINESS – Quick Response Vehicle

Members are requested to consider the attached report, advising of the need to seek approval to accept an offer of £60,000 from the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership to fund the Quick Response Vehicle and two staff for 2009/10.

One of the priorities of the neighbourhood management project undertaken by the West End Partnership and Poulton Neighbourhood Management was to improve the environment of the area. To help achieve this they funded a quick response vehicle (QRV) and 2 staff that would reduce the time taken to deal with reports of fly tipping to 1 working day. As the neighbourhood management project has come to an end this funding is no longer available.

A bid to continue to fund the QRV and 2 staff in 2009/10 was submitted to the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership (LDLSP). The outline of the bid was the QRV would provide a similar type of service but within defined 'hotspot' areas throughout the whole of the District. For 2009/10 the revenue funding required to operate the QRV is estimated to be £60,000, the LDLSP have offered to contribute the whole of the funding requirement for 2009/10.

The urgency for this decision is to enable the funding bid for the LDLSP to be accepted, which will allow the Quick Response Vehicle and 2 staff to continue to operate without any loss of service.

The recommendations are:-

- (1) That Cabinet accepts the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership offer to provide £60,000 to fund the quick response vehicle and 2 staff for 2009/10.**
- (2) That the General Fund Revenue Budget is updated accordingly.**

- (3) That the Overview & Scrutiny Chairman be consulted with a view to waiving call in, in accordance with Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17(a), to enable immediate implementation.**
- (4) That the Overview & Scrutiny Chairman be consulted with a view to waiving the requirement to include the decision in the Forward Plan, in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 16.**

The approval of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member has been sought to this action.

Subject to this approval, I would be grateful if you could consider the immediate implementation of this course of action and agree to waive the right of call-in, in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a), and also to agree to waive the requirement to include the decision in the Forward Plan, in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 16.

Please complete the attached slip signifying your decision and return it to the Town Hall as soon as possible. In the meantime, could you please telephone Tom Silvani on 582132, or e-mail tsilvani@lancaster.gov.uk with your decision.

Yours sincerely,

HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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URGENT BUSINESS – Quick Response Vehicle

*I agree/~~do not agree~~ (***please delete as appropriate**)

To this matter being treated as a matter of urgency in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a) and therefore not being subject to call-in.

To this matter being treated as a matter of urgency in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 16, and give approval for the Chief Executive to take this decision in advance of the usual five days notice.

Signed: Councillor Stuart Langhorn

Dated: 14th April 2009

Chief Executive Decision

*I agree/~~do not agree~~ (***please delete as appropriate**) to this matter being treated as a matter of urgency in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a) and therefore not being subject to call-in.

Signed: Peter Loker, Corporate Director (Community Services)-----
On behalf of Chief Executive

Dated: 15th April 2009

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