

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER NOTICE OF DECISION

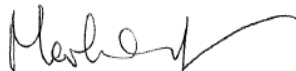
TITLE OF DECISION: EMERGENCY RESPONSE - WASTE REMOVAL AT FORMER SUPASKIPS SITE, LANCASTER	
NAME OF DECISION TAKER:	COUNCILLOR PHILLIP BLACK
POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD:	LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE, COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY
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Details of Decision:	
<p>To provide a further contribution from the Council's reserves of up to £500,000 to conclude the removal of waste at the SupaSkips site, as part of the continuing emergency response.</p>	
Reasons for the decision:	
<p>Following the fire at the above site on 3 December 2023, Lancaster City Council provided structural engineer, ancillary building demolition, waste testing/removal and site security support via two tranches of financial contribution. The first contribution amounted to £262k, and a second contribution was for £650k, thus totalling £912k.</p> <p>The contractors have removed approximately 5,000 tonnes of waste to date. 3,000 tonnes of waste remains either within the main building or within the adjacent site compound. This waste requires testing and disposal to prevent further fire risk and associated environmental nuisance during the warmer months (odour).</p> <p>A contribution from the Environment Agency of £65k has now been received, which will initially assist with more permanent site boundary fencing. However there are no further funds currently being provided from any other partners, including Government, to assist with completing the work. A request for the waiving of Landfill Tax to HMRC has been refused, due to there being no available mechanism to facilitate the City Council's request.</p>	
IS THE DECISION URGENT	
YES	
<p>The decision is considered urgent because Landfill Tax costs will rise nationally from 1 April 2024, and this will further add to the costs of waste disposal.</p> <p>The work to remove the remaining waste has been estimated, by the contractor, to take 3 weeks. Should the City Council agree to use reserves again to fund the remaining work, then a start on site as early as possible would limit the possibility of work continuing beyond the 1 April date.</p>	

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I CAN CONFIRM THAT THIS DECISION IS URGENT AS ANY DELAY LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY THE CALL-IN PROCESS WOULD SERIOUSLY PREJUDICE THE COUNCIL'S OR THE PUBLIC INTERESTS AND THEREFORE IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN. THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CONSULTED. I HEREBY AGREE BOTH THAT THE DECISION PROPOSED IS REASONABLE, IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

SIGNED:



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

I confirm that I have taken account of the options proposed by officers, the various implications set out in the report and the comments of the Monitoring and Section 151 Officers and am authorising the decision as set out above.

SIGNATURE OF DECISION TAKER:	Cllr Phillip Black
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DATE:	27.2.24
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<i>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</i>		REF NO.	ICMD25
DATE DECISION TAKEN:	27.2.24	IMPLEMENTATION DATE IMMEDIATE – CALL-IN WAIVED	
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