

To: All Members

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Dear Councillor,

**EXECUTIVE MEETING MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 – DECISION NOTICE**

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your attention, a copy of the Decision Notice of the Executive held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Set out below is the procedure for calling in decisions of the Executive. **Only Key Decisions may be called in.** Request forms to call in a decision of the Executive may be obtained from the Governance Team.

**Deadline date for calling in Key Decisions contained in the Decision Notice:**

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Number of Members required to call in an item:**

Three Scrutiny Members

**Method by which items may be called in:**

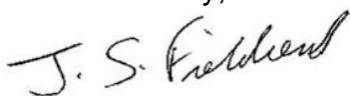
- By completion of the form available from the Governance Team

**Recording of called in items:**

The Governance Manager shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a log of called in items. In practice this log will be kept by the Governance Officers who are themselves authorised to accept notifications from Members.

A log shall be maintained in chronological order according to when requests are received. This log will be open for inspection by any Member of the Council, upon request.

Yours sincerely,



Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer

**DECISION NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE**  
**MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

**NON KEY DECISIONS**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>DECISION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse Policy</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Executive approve and adopt the proposed Housing Domestic Abuse Policy</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b>  The Council is required to produce a Housing Domestic Abuse Policy under the revised Consumer Standards.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b>  An alternative option would be not to adopt a Housing Domestic Abuse Policy, this is rejected due to the fact that the Council would not be fulfilling its regulatory requirements.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Tennis Facility at the Arc</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Executive: 1) Accept the offer from CTTC to invest £60,000 in capital funding to develop tennis facilities at The Arc;</p> <p>2) Accept the offer from CTTC of £20,000 revenue funding to progress a specific tennis development plan and contribution towards start-up costs; and,</p> <p>3) Approve the allocation of section 106 (£20,000) funding to support this project which is already allocated to the development of ancillary sports facilities at The Arc.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b>  To invest in a redundant facility and further develop the core offer of leisure activities at The Arc.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b>  To reject the funding offer would prevent investment opportunity at the ARC to extend range of leisure offer and invest in an underutilised area of the facility.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Minutes of the Dragonfly Shareholder Board 2025</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that: 1) Members of the Executive note the contents of the minutes of the Shareholder Board; and,</p>

		<p>2) Members of Executive note the final agreed scope for the independent review by Local Partnerships</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> The Terms of Reference of the Shareholder Board state the minutes of meetings will be shared with Executive.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> The report is for information only. There are no alternative options for consideration.</p>
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## KEY DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
8	Housing Management System	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that: 1) Council award a 5-year contract to MRI Real Estate Software for ongoing annual support of the Housing Management System and One System upgrade; and,</p> <p>2) Council approves the capital programme be updated to include the capital cost of the One System upgrade, which can be funded by capital receipts.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> It is essential that we have the required annual support for the housing management system. The new One housing system will give us greater functionality, and additional modules will ensure compliance with new legislative requirements.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> To not have annual support for the housing management system is not possible. By not having the additional modules we are reliant on manually updated excel documents which are at risk of non-compliance, loss of data and errors.</p>
9	UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) 2025/2026	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Executive: 1) endorse the delegated decision made with special urgency by the Chief Executive in relation to accepting UK Shared Prosperity Funds (UK SPF) totalling £803,023 from the East Midlands Combined County Authority; and,</p> <p>2) endorse the associated investment plan agreed by the Council's Strategic Commissioning Board on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025</p>

and to make direct awards of contracts where required in accordance with the Council's procurement rules requirements.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Accepting the funding is in the best interests of the District and by doing so, the Council will receive the funding to support and enhance the place, its residents and the local economy.

The investment plan was agreed taking these factors into account and with particular regard to:

- i. the National Framework and the advice issued by EMCCA;
- ii. (4% of the funding can be used to cover the cost of administration including commissioning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of projects;
- iii. the outputs achieved by the previous years' programmes and the status of those projects;
- iv. the availability of match funding and the Council's priorities and ambitions; and,
- v. the deliverability, achievable outputs and realistic outcomes of potential projects and/or extension of existing programmes.

Taking into account the extreme urgency required to commence delivery from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and to ensure completion of projects by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, and taking into account a direct award for the suppliers named in the investment plan is either justified by:

- i. the acquisition of a unique artistic work or performance;
- ii. dependency on the unique intellectual property or exclusive rights of the supplier; or,
- iii. for additional deliveries by the original supplier under an existing contract;

Exemptions from the Council's Procurement Rules are considered to be reasonably necessary on this occasion. The relevant exemptions are:

4.8.4(d) The contract is the execution of work or the supply of goods or services to be required so urgently as preclude the invitation of tenders; and,

		<p><u>4.8.4(e)</u> The contract relates to the commissioning of projects funded by external grant where, for example, there is no (or insufficient) marketplace to tender for the supply of goods, services or works required.</p> <p>The use of an urgent decision was considered reasonable and necessary to meet EMCCA's requirements, secure the funding and provide clarity on the investment plan to allow the Council to draw down its allocation of UK SPF funding for 2025/26.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b></p> <p>The option not to accept the funding was rejected because the Council can demonstrate it can deliver a range of activities that meet the eligibility criteria within the timelines and those activities will deliver significant social, economic and environmental benefits for the District.</p> <p>The option to consult more widely on the Investment Plan was rejected because of the limited time for submission, also taking into account the status of existing UK SPF activities that have already closed down, or are in the process of closing down, and the relatively limited amount of funding available.</p> <p>The option to commission activities through Bolsover Partnership, issue invitations to tender and/or request quotations more widely was rejected with regards to the extreme urgency required for decision making and for contracting the identified activities.</p> <p>Alternative activities or actionable alternative processes for the administration of UK SPF were not otherwise identified at the meeting of the Council's Strategic Commissioning Board on 7 March 2025.</p> <p>The option not to issue a delegated decision was rejected because of the special urgency required to ensure the Council would receive the funding and be able to submit an appropriate investment plan within the timelines specified by EMCCA.</p>
10	Rural Economic Prosperity Fund	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Executive: 1) accept the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) totalling £128,333 from the East Midlands Combined County Authority; and,</p>

		<p>2) Endorse the associated investment plan as set out in the report with further details on The Anchor public house, Clowne, investment plan be provided at a future Executive meeting.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> Accepting the funding is in the best interests of the District and by doing so, the Council will receive the funding and support local rural communities.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> No alternative options were considered reasonable due to the urgency to provide clarity on the investment plan to allow the Council to draw down its allocation of REPF for 2025/26. It can deliver a range of activities that meet the eligibility criteria within the timelines and those activities will stimulate social and economic regeneration for the District.</p>
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**Only Key Decisions may be called in. All other decisions will be actioned immediately with the exception of those referred to Council (shown in italics).**