

## **URGENCY ITEMS - MINUTE OF DECISION**

### **Delegation arrangements for dealing with matters of urgency**

Paragraph 7.2.1 of the Council's Constitution provides that Chief Officers may take urgent decisions if they are of the opinion that circumstances exist which make it necessary for action to be taken by the Council prior to the time when such action could be approved through normal Council Procedures. They shall, where practicable, first consult with the Leader and Chairman (or in their absence the Vice-Chairman) and the Opposition Spokesperson of the appropriate committee.

Given the current emergency in respect of the Covid 19 pandemic and the decision taken to suspend committee meetings while social distancing measures continue, the urgency decision provision under Paragraph 7.2.1 of the Council's Constitution has been widened to extend the consultation to include the Leaders of all the political groups on the Council.

**Subject:** Inviting expressions of interest via soft market testing for the occupation on a licence of Newark Cattle Market, and investing in its relocation elsewhere in the District

**Appropriate Committee:** Leisure & Environment

**Details of Item** (including reason(s) for use of urgency procedure):

Newark and Sherwood District Council (the Council) is undertaking an exercise to seek expressions of Interest from general Livestock Market operators to take on the lease and operation of the Newark Livestock Market, Great Northern Road, Newark.

In exploring this interest the Council wishes to be clear that the continued operation of a Livestock Market at the current location is not supported beyond a 2 year period, with the preference being to relate the operation to a new, fit-for purpose site, elsewhere in Newark. A willing host site, which is preferred by the Council, has been identified in principle at Newark Showground. Any operator who expresses an interest to take a licence for 2 years on the current Cattlemarket site will be made aware of this relocation aspiration, including the likely need to invest at least c£6m to realise it. Any interested party will also be made aware that it is unlikely that the Council would extend any licence on the current Cattle Market site.

### **Decision**

Agreement by all Members, save for Cllr Paul Peacock who expressed some reservations around the need to take this step given the clear uncertainties around the longevity and viability of the cattle market and regarding the need to understand the longer-term aspirations for the Cattle Market site.

### **Members Consulted:**

Councillor David Lloyd  
Councillor Keith Girling

27<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Councillor Roger Jackson	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Councillor Paul Peacock	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Councillor Peter Harris	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Councillor Jill Dawn	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020

Signed 

Date 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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