

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

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN
CONSTITUTION 6, RULE 16 (SPECIAL URGENCY)**

To: Chairman of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Notice Board

I hereby give notice that, in accordance with the above Regulations and Constitutional Rules the following matter is to be considered at the meeting of Cabinet scheduled to take place at the Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk on 12 March 2019.

“Local Plan Review Preferred Options – Initial Feedback”

The matter is likely to be the subject of a key decision, which has not been included on the Forward Plan and the general exception procedure set out at rule 15 of the Constitution cannot be followed. In accordance with rule 16 of the Constitution the Leader has obtained the agreement of the Chairman of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee and this notice setting out the reasons that the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred is being made available on the Council’s website and at the offices of the Council.

The reasons that the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred is that the Local Development Scheme, setting out the timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan Review, expects a Publication version of the new Local Plan to be put before Cabinet in June 2019. Given that, after the 12 March meeting, there is no Cabinet meeting scheduled until 11 June, this item needs to be urgently brought before Cabinet to enable Cabinet to provide a decision on the options for meeting unmet housing need arising from Sefton in the new Local Plan. This matter is one that is central to setting a housing requirement for the new Local Plan, which in turn effects what sites should be allocated, how Green Belt boundaries should be amended and a number of other policies. Therefore, in order to be able to prepare a Publication version of the Local Plan by June, officers need the input of Cabinet at the 12 March meeting.

Dated: 8 March 2019

Kim Webber
Chief Executive