

## COUNCIL – 25TH APRIL 2022

### Report of the Chief Executive

#### ITEM 12 URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS EXEMPTED FROM CALL-IN:

##### i. GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT

#### Purpose of Report

To note the decision which was exempted from call-in in accordance with Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.9.

#### Action Requested

In accordance with Full Council Procedure 9.11(d) questions may be asked of the Leader in relation to the urgent decision that was taken. The Leader may ask the relevant Lead Member to respond.

#### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The call-in procedure provides for a period of five clear working days during which councillors can ask for decisions taken by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet members, and key decisions taken by officers to be reviewed. With the agreement of the Chair of the Scrutiny Commission or in his/her absence the Mayor or Deputy Mayor) a decision can be exempted from call-in if the decision to be taken is both urgent and reasonable and the delay caused by the call-in process would not be in the interests of the Council or the public. Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.9 requires that decisions that are exempted from call-in are reported to Council.

#### *(i) Gas supply Agreement*

The Strategic Director of Commercial Development, Assets and Leisure made a decision on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in respect of the Council renewing a gas supply agreement with the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO).

The Chair of the Scrutiny Commission was consulted and agreed that the decision be exempted from call-in, to enable the Council to sign an agreement with ESPO by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 otherwise the Council would be exposed to significant gas supply costs.

The report considered can be found in the Annex to this report.

### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

As detailed within the Annex to this report.

### Report Implications

As detailed within the Annex to this report.

Background Papers: None

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### Annex

Report considered by the Cabinet Lead Member and relevant officers.