

## **CONSTITUTION – PART 4B – ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES**

### **PARAGRAPH 15 – GENERAL EXCEPTION**

Notice has been given to the Chair of the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel and has agreed that a decision needs to be taken by Cabinet as a matter of urgency to approve the UK Shared Prosperity Fund due to the Investment Plan needing to be submitted by the end of July:

#### **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

The UKSPF is a Government-allocated fund which is intended to reduce inequalities between communities, as part of the Government's wider "levelling up" agenda. The Fund was launched with the publication of its full prospectus on 13 April 2022.

The Council is required to develop an Investment Plan, to be submitted to and signed off by Government. The Plan should set out how the Council intends to use and deliver the funding and should identify the local opportunities and challenges as they pertain to the three Investment Priorities.

This investment plan needs to be submitted by the end of July in order to secure the funding and hence this is an urgent decision.

In view of the nature of the decision, this is a key decision which has not been included in the Forward Plan.

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