

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Question submitted by: Mike Sheaff

To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Councillor John Riley (Chair of Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

To be asked at the next (Council) Meeting:

Date: 27 March 2023

Question (to be no longer than 50 words):

The “Better Places: Armada Way Scheme” report describes decision-making. Cabinet Members’ consultation (23 February); Corporate Management Team consultation (1st March); Equality Impact Assessment (2 March); and your determination that it constituted an “urgent” decision (14 March). When did you first see this report, and how did you involve OSC members?

Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? Yes

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

I first saw the draft report and the reasons for urgency when the Monitoring Officer emailed it to me at 10:57 on 8th March 2023.

I spoke to Councillor Penberthy in his role as Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board to discuss the process for any urgent decision, this was a theoretical discussion as he had not seen the decision paperwork. I gave detailed consideration of the reasons for urgency, including considering the City Council’s rules and guidance as well as that of the Local Government Association for Members.

On 14th March 2023 at 11.01 I confirmed in writing, via email, to the Monitoring Officer that I was content to remove call in relation to the proposed decision.