

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL URGENCY**

**Rule 2.6 Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules**

It is a general requirement of the Council Constitution that advance notice of Key Decisions will be given in the List of Forthcoming Key Decisions (the List).

Paragraph 2.6 of the Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules details 'Special Urgency' procedures to be applied where notice of a Key Decision has not been included in the List and where the decision is of such urgency that it cannot be deferred.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Board (1Cllr Sue Bentley) has agreed that the decision referred to below is of 'Special Urgency' and that it can be taken forthwith and has signified such agreement by signing this document.

The decision to be taken<sup>2</sup>: To enter into an arrangement with Bridge Street Church to provide capital funding up to £500k to refurbish part of the building, enabling Shakespeare Primary school to take on roll additional children prior to the completion of their new building.

(In addition to this brief description relevant documentation<sup>3</sup> is attached)

The reason why the decision cannot be deferred and must be exempted from forward notification and call-in requirements<sup>4</sup>.

There has been a significant influx of families into the Harehills area resulting in a shortfall of primary school places. The local authority has a duty to provide sufficient places and children arriving 'in year' are entitled to be offered an accessible school place within 20 school days. Shakespeare Primary school is a community school, for whom the Local Authority are the admitting authority, and have been asked to admit an additional 130 children beginning immediately after February half term. Accommodation must be provided as a matter of urgency and Bridge Street Church have offered a local solution.

To meet the statutory duty held by the local authority we must proceed immediately with commissioning building work in readiness for the children.

I agree that the decision referred to above is of special urgency and that it can be taken forthwith.

Signature .....

*Sue Bentley*

Name<sup>5</sup> .....

SUE BENTLEY

Designation<sup>6</sup> .....

CHAIR OF SCRUTINY BOARD

<sup>1</sup> Insert relevant Board title or if necessary delete reference to Scrutiny Board and insert Lord Mayor

<sup>2</sup> Detail decision by reference to report and Delegated Decision Notice

<sup>3</sup> Attach the report to the relevant Director and Delegated Decision Notice

<sup>4</sup> Give both the reason why the decision cannot be delayed and the reason why the decision could not be taken earlier.

<sup>5</sup> Type in name of Member to sign Special Urgency Approval

<sup>6</sup> Chair of Scrutiny Board / Lord Mayor