

Time started	10.22 am
Time ended	10.25 am

Urgent Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting 02 March 2018

Present: Councillor Banwait (Chair)

Members Present: Councillor Evans

Officers present: Ian Shepherd (Facilities Manager – Corporate Buildings),
Clare Harrison (Democratic Services Manager)

20/17 Apologies

There were no apologies.

21/17 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-in will not apply

It was confirmed that consent had been granted from the Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Board for the matter under consideration as an urgent key decision (detailed at minutes 24/17) would be exempted from call-in.

22/17 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23/17 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

24/17 Renewal of the Transfer Licence for Water Abstraction – Longbridge Weir, Hydro Power Plant

The Leader of the Council received an urgent report of the of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place to agree to the Council entering into a licence with the Environment Agency in the terms set out in the application for a new licence to replace a time-limited licence for water abstraction, to ensure continuity in Hydroelectric power generation. The report also sought approval that the agreement can be signed by the Strategic Director for Communities and Place, on behalf of the Council.

It was reported that without a valid licence in place Derby City Council cannot extract water from the River Derwent and produce hydroelectric power and that without a valid licence in place Derby City Council would lose the current Feed-in-Tariff which generates an income for the council of circa £100-120,000 per annum. It was further reported that the hydro plant provides electricity via the supplier to the Council House, without the licence this provision would cease; this would create a budget pressure for the Council of circa £60-75,000 per annum.

The Leader of the Council checked with those present that there was no additional information to present and that no-one had any questions in relation to the decision. The Leader confirmed as such that he was happy to accept the recommendations as printed in the report.

It was resolved:

- 1) To agree to the Council entering into a licence with the Environment Agency in the terms set out in the application for a new licence to replace a time-limited licence for water abstraction, to ensure continuity in Hydroelectric power generation; and**
- 2) To approve that the agreement can be signed by the Strategic Director for Communities and Place, on behalf of the Council.**

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