

## Exemption from Call-in

THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL SEEKS THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (OR IF HE OR SHE IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACT, THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL) TO THE DECISION BEING EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN AS DELAY LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY THE CALL-IN PROCESS WOULD SERIOUSLY PREJUDICE THE COUNCIL'S OR THE PUBLIC'S INTERESTS OR THE INTERESTS OF ANY PERSON(S) TO WHOM THE DECISION RELATES.

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**SUBJECT:** New all through school, former power station site, Rugeley.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

John Taylor Multi Academy Trust with the Support of SCC made a successful application on Wave 14 of the free schools process, to run an all through school on the former power station site, Rugeley.

Cabinet are in full support of the project and agreed a contribution of £1 million towards its delivery. The DfE, and Engie are funding the vast majority of the project which is setting out to provide a 5FE High and 2FE Primary, zero carbon School.

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### **REASONS WHY THE MAKING OF THE DECISION IS URGENT AND CANNOT REASONABLY AWAIT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CABINET:**

We have been working with the DfE all last week to agree Heads of Terms for the future Academy lease which they need in place before signing the agreement with ENGIE to construct the new all through school.

We were contacted by Engie on the 16<sup>th</sup> November regarding completion of their agreement with DfE and they are targeting the 6<sup>th</sup> December (no later). Engie we understand, wish to commence construction works on site prior to Christmas 2021.

Any delay whatsoever in the process will prejudice the ambitious delivery of the new all through school for September 2023. Which in turn would have significant consequences for pupil place planning in Rugeley and Lichfield.

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**Signed:** John Tradewell **Director of Corporate Services**

**Signed:** Alan White **Leader of the Council**

**Signed:** Colin Greatorex

**Chairman of the Corporate  
Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee**

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