

Special Urgency Form

(The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000) (Regulation 16)

The Leader of the Council seeks the approval of the Chairman of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or if they are unwilling or unable to act, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the County Council) to the decision detailed below 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.

Subject: Staffordshire History Centre - Joint Venture Agreement

Background:

Staffordshire County Council's Cabinet approved the submission of a grant funding application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund and capital funding to deliver the Staffordshire History Centre in February 2021. The approval required authorisation to complete the legal agreements between Staffordshire County Council its partner the William Salt Library Trust. Completion has been delayed whilst procurement of the construction tender was completed and additional funds were requested to cover inflationary uplift to the project. This was awarded by the Heritage Fund on 24 November and the legal agreements are now ready to be completed prior to signing the construction contract.

Reasons why the taking of the decision is urgent and therefore should not be subject to call-in:

The construction tender price has been held by the contractor until the end of December 2022. To ensure the legal agreements and construction contract are signed and sealed in time this decision needs to be taken urgently or the current price will expire.

Signed: John Tradewell

**Deputy Chief Executive and
Director of Corporate Services**

Signed: Alan White

Leader of the Council

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Greatorex". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C".

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

Reference:

Date: 6 December 2022

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