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Subject: RE: APR16 Safety Valve Programme
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Mayor,

I agree to the decision being taken at the Cabinet meeting on the 5th March.

Yours,

Cllr Tony Dyer

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

From: Mayor <mayor@bristol.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 5:23 PM

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Dear Cllr Dyer – Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

cc Councillor Gollop – for your approval in Cllr Dyer's absence.

I am writing to seek your agreement to add a report to the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 5th March that was not included on the Mayor's Forward Plan (which gives 28 days' notice of Cabinet decisions).

In accordance with the Council's constitution (APR16), when prior notice has not been given for a key decision to be taken at Cabinet and there is less than 5 days before the decision will be taken, the chair of relevant scrutiny commission need to agree that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.

The additional report is titled "Safety Valve Programme" and it cannot be deferred because the DfE require us to sign and return the agreement by the 11th March. We have been engaged in confidential negotiations with the Department for Education, who have now given their consent for us to make public the decision to enter into contract for the Safety Valve Programme. The full details are still under embargo, hence the cabinet report only deals with the financial aspect and provides high level outline of the proposed actions.

The impact on the Council's finances is set out in the report and is a restatement of information previously contained within the approved budget. The work stream information has been to Scrutiny and informally shared with Schools Forum.

We will need to publish the report on Monday. I have attached the reports for your consideration.

Please could you reply confirming your agreement that the decision can be taken at the Cabinet

meeting on Tuesday 5th March.

Kind regards

MR signature for letters



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