

# CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- **Carlisle City Council**

Date of Meeting:- 9 November 2010

Agenda Item No:-

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Title:- **DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY -  
QUARTERLY REPORT**

Report of:- **The Leader**

Report reference:- **GD.57/10**

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## **Summary:-**

Under Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.3, I am required to submit a quarterly report to Council on decisions taken under Special Urgency during the preceding three months.

There has only been one instance of a decision being taken under those provisions which related to the possible purchase of the Crosby Garrett Helmet. The decision was taken by the Performance and Development Portfolio Holder under delegated powers on 30 September 2010 and a copy of the Decision Notice is attached.

## **Recommendation:-**

That the position be noted.

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Assistant Director (Governance)

26 October 2010

**Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: Portfolio Holder Decision PF.003/10**

## **INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISIONS**

Below is a list of decisions taken by Individual Portfolio Holders acting under delegated powers:

**REF:**                **PF.003/10**        **Crosby Garrett Helmet**

**Decision of**    Councillor Gareth Ellis

**Portfolio**    Performance and Development

### **Subject Matter**

Possible purchase of Crosby Garrett Helmet

### **Summary of Options rejected**

None

### **DECISION**

1. The Council contribute £20,000 to the fund for the Crosby Garrett Helmet;
2. The level of all funding pledged for the proposed purchase is confirmed by the Assistant Director (Resources), Assistant Director (Governance) and the Leader or Finance Portfolio Holder;
3. The Council is authorised to bid for the helmet up to the level confirmed as per 2.;
4. The purchase is exempt from the Contract Procedure Rules by virtue of Rule 4(6)(a), purchase made at auction;
5. Officers are also authorised to enquire as to the possibility of a private treaty for the helmet and if the terms are acceptable to complete such a purchase out-with the auction process, in which case the purchase will be deemed exempt from the Contract Procedure Rules by virtue of 1(3)(a) and (b). This requires Councillor Ellis, Councillor J Mallinson (in the absence of the Leader) and Councillor Reg Watson OBE to be consulted and confirm agreement;
6. A report on this matter be made to the next available Meeting of the Executive;
7. The above decision is urgent for the reasons outlined and should, therefore, if the Mayor agrees, be exempt from call-in;
8. The Decision may only be taken in accordance with the Council's Special Urgency Rule (16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules) which requires the consent of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Chair (in this case Resources and Community)

### **Reasons for Decision**

The Crosby Garrett Roman Helmet is a significant find in the Carlisle area and is of important cultural significance. Obtaining the helmet for the people of Carlisle would be of great benefit. The decision had to be taken to enable

the Council to participate in the auction.

**Date Decision Made**

30/09/10

**Implementation Date:**

04-Oct-10