

**COUNCIL:**

**30 NOVEMBER 2017**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL  
SERVICES**

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**URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN - EUROS 2020 FAST TRACK BID**

**Reason for this Report**

1. In accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13(a), an urgent decision certified by the Chief Executive in relation to the UEFA Fast Track Bidding process for the Euros 2020 is reported to Council for information.

**Background**

2. The Cabinet meeting on 16 November 2017 considered a report recommending that the Council supports the re-submission of the 2014 bid for Cardiff to become a host city for the UEFA European Football Championships Final Tournament in 2020.
3. In order to meet UEFA's deadline the Football Association of Wales (FAW) needed to have reviewed the original bid, confirmed that all 18 guarantees and all original legal agreements – such as the Host City Agreement - were still valid and resubmit the original or revised bid by the 3 November 2017.
4. A full-evaluation of the submitted fast-track dossiers will be undertaken by UEFA and a final decision on both the Brussels stadium and any replacement host venue will be made on 7 December 2017.

**Issues**

5. In order to re-submit the bid an extensive review of the original bid documentation had to be undertaken and costed so that an informed decision could be made as to whether to re-enter the bid process. This work, and the associated in principle funding commitments from stakeholder partners, was only finalised and secured in the week before the bid was due.
6. Failure to submit the bid by the deadline with all associated in principle guarantees would have rendered the FAW bid non-compliant. Given that Cardiff had been presented with a second opportunity to secure host city status in 2020, as agreed by Cabinet on 10th April 2014, failure to act promptly would have seriously prejudiced the city's opportunity to secure the event and the associated £110m economic investment.

7. Therefore the Chief Executive certified that this decision was urgent and therefore the call-in procedure did not apply. The Chair of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee was consulted in this matter and agreed that the decision should be certified as urgent.

### **Legal Implications**

8. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Legal implications were considered and included as part of the Officer Decision process.

### **Financial Implications**

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the report for information.

**Davina Fiore**

**DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES**

**23 November 2017**

*The following Background Papers have been taken into account*

Report & Appendices of Director of Economic Development to Cabinet 16 November 2017 - Euro 2020 Fast Track Bid Submission

Register of Cabinet Decisions 17 – 18/6

Letter from the Chair of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee following Scrutiny Committee - 9 November 2017

UEFA EURO 2020 Host Association Appointment Fast Track Process