



**Policy and Resources Committee –
29 September 2011**

Urgency Procedure

Purpose of report

To advise the committee of an approval given under the council's urgency procedure.

Attachment

Appendix – Approved urgency procedure report

1. In accordance with the constitution, the committee is advised that approval has been given to the making of a footpath diversion order under the Highways Act 1980 in relation to the Priors Hall development. This follows the decisions made at the last meeting of the committee, which cannot be implemented until the next council meeting on 10 October.

Legal	Power: Part 4 (Budget and Policy Framework) of East Northamptonshire Council's constitution				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers:					
Person Originating Report: Sharn Matthews, Executive Director					
Date: 13 September 2011					
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APPENDIX

URGENCY PROCEDURE – SECTION 6 OF THE BUDGET & POLICY FRAMEWORK

Report on behalf of the Executive Director

Reasons for Urgency

Following the consideration of a report from the Solicitor to the Council to the Policy & Resources Committee on 12 September, the committee recommended to council that powers be delegated to the Democratic Services Manager and Solicitor to the Council to make orders under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert footpaths and bridleways in consultation with ward members, and to confirm such orders when they are unopposed. The committee also recommended that the same basis for charging fees for similar orders made under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 be adopted.

The report followed the need to take action on a footpath diversion affecting the Priors Hall development.

Action required

As the recommendation will not be considered by full Council until 31 October and there is a need to deal with the Priors Hall application before 31 October, it is requested that the delegation insofar as this application is concerned be implemented prior to the council meeting.

This matter will be reported for confirmation to the next Policy and Resources Committee on 29 September.

Implications

There are no financial or equality implications. There is a need to exercise the delegated powers in good time before 31 October.

We authorise the making of a footpath diversion order for the Priors Hall development under s119 of the Highways Act 1980 and the charging of fees be on the same basis as apply to orders under s257 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

Stephen North .Leader of the Council

Richard Lewis .Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee

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