

BRIEFING NOTE
Re : Special Urgency Decision

Tour de France, Cambridge 2014

At the meeting of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on the 14th March 2013, the Executive Councillor, Councillor Sarah Brown, resolved :

- a) To endorse the proposed arrangements for the Council's management of the event; and
- b) To authorize officers to enter into a contractual arrangement with Cambridgeshire County Council, Welcome to Yorkshire and Leeds City Council to ensure the Council's requirements and safeguards are put in place.

The arrangements for management of the event in Cambridgeshire have changed significantly from those set out in the report of the Head of Arts and Recreation, which gave rise to the executive councillor's decision. Welcome to Yorkshire has been granted the right by Amaury Sporting Organisation, who own the rights to the TdF, to host Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the TdF 2014. Stages 1 and 2 will take place in Yorkshire. Stage 3 will start in Cambridge and finish in central London, passing through Cambridgeshire and Essex. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has stepped in to provide national funding, which will be managed through UK Sport and TdFHub 2014 Limited, a company established to co-ordinate local councils' involvement. TdFHub 2014 and WTY have agreed with Transport for London that TFL will take on the oversight for delivery of the whole of Stage 3. TFL have engaged event management company Innovision to manage delivery of Stage 3. The delivery model is now different from that anticipated when the Executive Councillor for Community Wellbeing made her decision in March 2013.

Cambridge City Council, therefore, does not have direct responsibility for delivery of Stage 3, but does have responsibilities to ensure that the start in Cambridge is a safe and enjoyable event. Officers are continuing to work with the other organizations involved. It is anticipated that TdFHub 2014 will make a budget available to the Council for specific event-related expenditure and the Council will also be contributing value in kind, through officer time and other Council resources. The type of contractual arrangement contemplated in the March 2013 executive decision is no longer appropriate. Further, Councillor Sarah Brown is now a director of TdFHub 2014 Ltd., so would have a conflict of interest in making a decision about contractual arrangements between the Council and the company. Accordingly, the Leader of the Council is recommended :

- a) To note the changes in the arrangements for delivery of Stage 3 of the TdF 2014; and
- b) To authorize the Chief Executive to enter into appropriate contractual arrangements with other local authorities and public bodies to clarify the roles and responsibilities in delivery of Stage 3 and to safeguard the Council's interests.