

Notice of General Exception Decisions

Decision Maker: Combined Authority Cabinet	Date of Notice: 17 September 2018
	Decision Due: 28 September 2018

The following key decision has not been included in the Forward Plan and will be taken in the circumstances set out in Rule 18.5 (General Exception Procedure) of the Rules of Procedure set out in the Constitution:

Details of Key Decision

Liberty Powder Metals Ltd are seeking an investment from TVCA to support a project focused on developing and manufacturing new speciality alloy metal powders for end users to use in net shape and additive manufacturing applications (like 3D printing engine parts) to be hosted at The Material Processing Institute.

Liberty has led a UK Government funded project since January 2015 looking at this issue, known as the CASCADE R&D project. The funding sought is to complete and extend the remit of CASCADE, which is due to come to an end on 31st December 2019. The outputs of CASCADE R&D include the production of new speciality alloy metal powders in commercial, as compared to laboratory, volumes which requires to purchase of a 250kg batch vacuum atomiser.

Reason for General Exception

An order for the essential equipment, namely the vacuum atomiser, is required to complete and continue the CASCADE project needs to be placed in early October 2018. This matter could not therefore be postponed until October cabinet.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been notified in accordance with the General Exception Procedure at clause 18.5 of the Rules of Procedure within the Constitution.

Background Documentation

The Business Case was submitted on 3 September and has been appraised.

Any Further Action Required