

6pm Tuesday 8/12: Update to Statement of Felicity Roe 8 December 2020 – SG 15

██████████ has been on leave today but at 5pm I finally managed to speak to her. She says she received the grant application from The Rockets on 23 March. ██████████ was then on leave 25-29 March. On her return from leave she started to process the application. She has a note in her diary that on 10 April Nicola Horsey requested that she call her. ██████████ has no written note of the phone call but is as sure as she can be that during that phone call Nicola told her that Cllr Woodward had called and said that he wanted the Rockets grant to be processed quickly and to get quickly to decision. ██████████ said that that was then the reason that her officer comment was put into the spreadsheet on 12 April - to justify fast forwarding the processing of the application to the May decision. The email from ██████████ to me of 17 April (17:11pm) (SG13 page 5) reads:

Dear Felicity,

Nicola advised me verbally that Cllr Woodward was keen to make some decisions before the next decision day, ideally before the end of April.

Yours,

██████████

██████████'s recall is that this email refers to the phone call with Nicola on the 10 April.

██████████ commented that she knew there is no such thing as an early decision and explained that she meant some form of indication to the organisation of an intent to approve. She is clear she was not suggesting an early decision day as she references that the 'early decision to be noted at the May decision day'. The only binding decision would be the one on Decision Day.

The request for the move of the Decision Day came from Cllr Woodward as documented in the emails in SG13 page 5 onwards.

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