

URGENT DECISIONS

Friday, 18th March, 2022, 1.30 pm

Members: Councillor Peray Ahmet – Leader of the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct

3. CALL-OFF AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT CONSULTANCY SERVICES (PAGES 1 - 6)

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny has agreed that the decision is both reasonable in all the circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency for the following reasons:

The call-off agreements referred to in the report are required in order for the Council to procure transport and engineering-related consultancy services and, if they are not in place before 1 April 2022, the implementation of next year's works programmes for Highways and Parking Services will be significantly delayed. Due to the call-off agreements under the framework crosscutting three Cabinet Member portfolios, it became apparent that the

Leader would be required to give approval rather than one Cabinet Member doing so.

Given the above, and the need to ensure the delivery of works programmes, it is not practicable to comply with the 28-day notice requirement in Part Four, Section D, Rule 13 of the constitution or the 5-day notice period requirement for key decisions. This is set out in Part Four, Section D, Rule 16, of the Constitution. As set out below, the decision is urgent and time critical in accordance with Part 4 Section H paragraph 18 (a) and 18 (b).

Please be advised that the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny has further agreed that the call-in procedure shall not apply to this urgent decision. This is because the decision is urgent and any delay in implementation caused by the call-in procedure would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests as the contracts need to be in place by 1 April 2022 and a delay would prevent the Highways and Parking Service from seeking the delivery of transport and engineering-related services that the internal resource is currently unable to provide. Given that the scale of work that the Cabinet committed to on 8 March 2022 in relation to the investment plans for 2022/23 for Highways and Street Lighting, Parking, Flood Water Management and Road Danger Reduction, any delay in the commissioning of work through the proposed call-off agreements would seriously prejudice the Council's and/or the public's interests, given the improvements that these investment plans will deliver in Haringey in the forthcoming 12 months. The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the decision is both reasonable in all circumstances, and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency. This is in accordance with Part 4, Section H, and Paragraph 18 (a) and (b) of the Council Constitution.

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