

## NOTICE OF MEETING

# URGENT DECISIONS

**Tuesday, 28th June, 2022, 1.15 pm – MSTEAMS**

**Councillor:** Seema Chandwani - Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Resident Services

### **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. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND IN HARINGEY (PAGES 1 - 16)**

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. This is in order for the Household Support Fund to support vulnerable households and families with children between the period 1st April to 30th September 2022. This funding was announced at the end of March 2022 with guidance published on 29th April.

The funding period has already commenced and therefore, an urgent decision is required for the administration of the funding to meet the needs of households that require urgent support, including experiencing income and financial insecurity.

Given the need to have necessary plans in place before the summer holidays (which in most schools begin on 22 July) to ensure the effective delivery of the support in the form of vouchers to those eligible for Free School Meals through Schools in the borough, it is not practicable to comply with the 28-day notice requirement in Part Four, Section D, Rule 13 or the 5-day notice requirement in Part Four, Section D, Rule 4, or the General Exception procedure at Part Four, Section D, or the Call-In Procedure Rules at Part Four, Section H.

*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 due to the fact that any delay in decision making will impact on the ability to utilise available funding to support households with children, other vulnerable households and individuals in Haringey. Accordingly, 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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