



NOTICE OF A CASE OF SPECIAL URGENCY FOR THE MAKING OF A KEY DECISION¹

¹ In accordance with Regulation 11(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

1. Where a decision maker intends to make a key decision,² that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days public notice has been given³.
2. Where the publication of the intention to make a key decision is impracticable, that decision may only be made where the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been informed of the matter about which the decision is to be made, notice to the Chair has been made available for public inspection at the Council offices and published on the Council's website, and after 5 clear days have elapsed following the day on which notice to the Chair was made publicly available⁴.
3. Where the date by which a key decision must be made makes compliance with the requirements of paragraph 2 above impracticable the decision may only be made where the decision maker has obtained agreement from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred⁵.
4. **This notice⁶ confirms that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the making of the key decision in relation to the business set out below is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred for the reasons set out below.**

² A Key Decision is defined in legislation as an executive decision, which is likely:

- to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.
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³ In accordance with Regulation 9(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

⁴ In accordance with Regulation 10(1) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

⁵ In accordance with Regulation 11(1) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

⁶ In accordance with Regulation 11(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Date of decision or period within which the decision is to be made	Matter in respect of which the decision is to be made	Short description	Decision maker	Cabinet Member & Lead Officer	List of documents to be submitted to the decision maker	If all or part of the report is exempt or confidential this will be stated below and reason given. If all the papers are publically accessible this column will say public	Reasons why decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred
6 th April 2020	COVID-19 Financial Intervention and Measures	<p>The report will set out the Council's proposed financial interventions and measures identified at this date in order for it to respond to the Covid-19 crisis in the most expedient way.</p> <p>Description continued below</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p> <p>Cllr Joseph Ejiofor</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategic Regeneration</p> <p>Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer</p>	Report of the Director of Finance	Public	<p>There is a need to consider this report urgently in order to make speedy financial interventions to protect the community including the most vulnerable and provide support to individuals, businesses and organisations with the unprecedented economic challenges that they face. There are daily changing needs of the community as a result of this crisis and there is a need to ensure that the organisation can respond to these as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Given the above, 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-</p>

							<p>day notice period requirement for key decisions. This is set out in Part Four, Section D, Rule 16, of the Constitution.</p> <p>As set out below the decision is urgent and time critical in accordance with Part 4 Section H paragraph 18 (a) and 18 (b)</p>

Short description continued - It will provide information on the Government measures and support announced to date and provide details of funding allocations for the authority, if known. It will set out the proposed authorisation and other governance arrangements around the application of this funding, including approval for expenditure already incurred and also further expenditure proposed to be committed at this date in order for the Council to discharge its duties

Recommendations will include the creation of an Emergency Response Contingency in the General Fund, and a temporary approach to income and debt management.

Also approval will be sought to capital virements from the approved capital programme contingency to a new Capital Contingency budget, and changes to the existing Policy for the Award of Discretionary Reductions in Council Tax Liability.

There will be finance implications reported for: the costs associated with additional mortuary capacity; supplier arrangements; schools vouchers; community support and food aid; home care, and a voluntary sector rent holiday.

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 this is a National emergency and the Council must ensure that it is in the best possible place to continue to provide services, particularly in relation to support to the vulnerable, address public health issues, and act as

an agent for the Government. These decisions will ensure that funding and support gets to individuals and businesses in the most expedient way. 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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