

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
30 th of April 2020	Agreement to enter into a contract to rent 104 rooms at Finsbury Park Travelodge from May 15 th (or as soon as is practicable after this decision is made) until 30 June 2020 and general update on provision to house single homeless during the Covid-19 crisis	The report will be recommending the waiver of contract standing orders 9.01 to 9.07 to allow the council to enter into this contract until the 30 th of June 2020. The report will also be noting of the amount spent or committed in dealing with this issue to date to and going forward, together with seeking approval to the virement of government supplied Covid 19 funding held in the General Fund in order to meet these financial obligations.	Leader of the Council	Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal Assistant Director for Planning, building standards and Sustainability	Report of the Assistant Director for Planning, building standards and Sustainability and proposed contract	Part exempt Paragraph 3, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	At the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis the Government asked Councils to take an expansive view of housing the homeless. Due to Covid-19 the Council are using its discretion to accommodate people who would otherwise be expected to make their own arrangements. This includes rough sleepers, and people at risk of rough sleeping regardless of local connection, immigration status, eligibility or priority need.

		<p>The report will note the amount already spent or committed to in the provision of 240 units and the likely forecast in order to meet this need going forward.</p>					<p>The Council have provided for 220 individuals with hotel provision so far and expect the need to continue up to at least a further 160 individuals.</p> <p>An urgent decision is required to secure these 104 rooms and to ensure the council is still able to meet this duty. The decision needs to be taken on the 30th of April to allow the Travel Lodge to re-open on the 9th May or sooner if possible. The decision is needed on this date to enable the logistical requirements of re-opening the provision to be put in place. This includes ensuring staff that are furloughed are able to begin work and prepare for the opening date</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-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 above the decision is urgent and</p>
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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, and address public health issues. These decisions will ensure that there is accommodation for homeless people and they are able to access accommodation as soon as possible. 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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