

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.

| 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 |
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| 12 June 2020 | COVID-19 Discretionary Grants Fund Scheme | <p>This report provides details of the guidance issued to local authorities on a discretionary grants scheme which is aimed at businesses that were ineligible for support based on the criteria set out by the Government for the first two schemes. The guidance allows for local authorities to design their own scheme within the constraints of the mandatory criteria.</p> <p>The proposed Haringey local scheme, will be</p> | Cabinet Member Signing | <p>Cabinet Member for Local Investment and Economic Growth</p> <p>Interim Director for Housing, Planning and Regeneration</p> | Report of the Interim Director for Housing, Planning and Regeneration | Public | <p>COVID-19 is having a significant impact on local businesses and the local economy. There is a need to publish the agreed scheme and make the additional grant funding available to eligible businesses as soon as possible. The Council need to act quickly to respond to the impact of the lockdown on small and micro business in Haringey. The lockdown had and continues to have an immediate and fundamental impact on the ability of small</p> |

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| | | <p>giving priority to small and micro businesses who provide community and social benefits within the principles of Community Wealth Building as well as supporting the local economy.</p> <p>The report will make recommendations according to this on the eligibility criteria and grant levels to be awarded</p> <p>The report will further delegate authority to the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Local Investment and Economic Growth decisions to agree the criteria for the disbursement of any residual funds after the scheme has been fully applied.</p> | | | | | <p>businesses to operate effectively, to raise income and to continue to offer future employment opportunities. It is vital to enable access to the funding as soon as possible to ensure local businesses that were not eligible for government funding in the first and second phases can obtain this funding to support them.</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 below the decision is urgent and time critical in accordance with Part 4 Section H paragraph 18 (a) and 18 (b)</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. This is due to the fact that this is a National emergency and the Council must ensure that it is providing access to funding for local businesses to continue. This scheme is designed to support those businesses ineligible for the first two grant schemes where support has been available since early April and so it is important to that support reaches eligible businesses without any further delay. 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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