

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

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.

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

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.

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.**

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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
4 th September 2020	Inter authority Pan London temporary Mortuary Provision	Agree to entering into an inter – authority agreement for Pan London temporary mortuary provision of facilities and services between all London Boroughs until March 2021, and to delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to agree the final agreement. The report will also include agreement for Westminster City Council to be the lead authority for contractual services required and for the London Borough of Camden to hold and administer the finances into a Sink Fund. Agreement will be further sought for	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Civic Services	Cabinet Member for Corporate and Civic Service Director Environment and Neighbourhoods	Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods	Part exempt Paragraph 3, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).	The request is to sign a legal agreement to allow Westminster council to be the lead authority for contractual services for a temporary London wide mortuary provision with Camden Council holding and administering finances into a sink Fund and make a first payment by the 4th September 2020. This is part of London's 2nd wave preparation plan for Covid 19. The urgent agreement is required for Westminster city Council to have sufficient time to procure and set up the temporary mortuary services. Westminster and Camden have agreed to oversee these arrangements on behalf of all London boroughs. All London Boroughs have received a letter from

		<p>payments to be made as required to the Sink Fund for Haringey's contribution of cost, with the first payment of £485,964 to be made by 4th September 2020.</p>					<p>their Council Leader's indicating the shared responsibility and expeditious participation required of councils to take this decision urgently.</p> <p>Without the urgency decision the Council would not be able to sign the legal agreement or make a payment to Camden as requested by both Camden and Westminster.</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>

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 the legal agreement could not be signed and payments made as requested by the leaders of the London Borough of Camden and Westminster City Council by the 4th September 2020 to

allow sufficient time to procure and set up the temporary mortuary services in planning for a second wave of the pandemic, 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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