

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
29 September 2020	The extension of the Rough Sleeper Discretion Policy to 31 March 2021	To extend the Rough Sleeper Discretion Policy beyond its expiry on 30 September to 31 March 2021 in order to accommodate vulnerable rough sleepers presenting to the Council during that period with local connection but no statutory right to housing under part 7 of the Housing Act 1996; and to amend the policy, extending temporary discretion to homeless people with local connection who present after 30 September with symptoms of Covid-19.	Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal	Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal David Joyce, Director for Housing, Regeneration & Planning	Cabinet Member Signing Cover Report: Extension of the Rough Sleeper Discretion Policy to 31 March 2021 Rough Sleeping Discretion Policy (as amended 30 September 2020)	Public	The current policy expires on 30 September. To not extend the Rough Sleepers Discretionary Policy would pose a risk to public health. An urgent decision is required as it predicted that the number of Covid 19 infections is likely to rise during the winter period. To reduce infection rates a decision is required before the next Cabinet meeting in October to ensure that accommodation is available for homeless applicants who are vulnerable,

							including those with Covid-19 symptoms, but not owed a statutory duty.
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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 a call-in would risk public health by leaving the Council without policy on the accommodation of vulnerable rough sleepers during a period from 30 September when Covid-19 cases are rising.

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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