

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.

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.

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.**

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
17 December 2020	COVID-19 Local Restrictions Grant (Open) and Additional Restrictions Grant Schemes	<p>This report provides details of the guidance issued to local authorities on the Local Restrictions Grant Scheme (Open) (LRSG (Open) and the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme (ARG). The LRSG (Open provides details of businesses to be prioritised for support and how funding has been calculated for authorities but allows for local discretion.</p> <p>The ARG guidance allows for local authorities to design their own scheme within the constraints of the mandatory criteria and within the businesses identified</p>	Cabinet Member Signing	Cabinet Member for Local Investment and Economic Growth	Report of the Director for Housing, Planning and Regeneration	Public	<p>COVID-19 continues to have significant impact on local businesses and the local economy. There is a need to publish the agreed scheme and open applications to eligible businesses as soon as possible. The Council need to act quickly to respond to the impact of restrictions on business in Haringey. It is vital to enable access to the funding as soon as possible to ensure eligible local businesses can obtain this funding to support them.</p> <p>Given the complexities of the guidance, and timing of the issuing of related clarification FAQs, proposals for</p>

		<p>as being able to be supported within the scheme.</p> <p>The report will make recommendations that the LRSG (Open) scheme is applied in accordance with the guidance and how funding has been calculated</p> <p>The report will also make recommendations regarding the eligibility criteria for the ARG within the guidance provided.</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 initial application period and into future restriction periods.</p>					<p>the scheme were not available in order to take a report to 8th December Cabinet.</p> <p>A decision is needed in order to go live with scheme as soon as possible so payments can be made as soon as possible in new year as Christmas period affects processing time</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 this is a National emergency and the Council must ensure that it is providing access to funding for local businesses to continue, 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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