

# **NOTICE OF A CASE OF SPECIAL URGENCY FOR THE MAKING OF A KEY DECISION<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> 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,<sup>2</sup> that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days public notice has been given<sup>3</sup>.
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 available<sup>4</sup>.
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 deferred<sup>5</sup>.
4. **This notice<sup>6</sup> 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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<sup>2</sup> 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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<sup>3</sup> In accordance with Regulation 9(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with Regulation 10(1) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

<sup>5</sup> 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.
16 February 2021	Salix Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Funding for Schools	<p>Acceptance of Salix Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme grant funding for approximately £2.5m for 8 primary school projects.</p> <p>The report will seek delegated authority to the Director of Finance to sign the Grant Offer letter to accept the grant funding, and seek delegated authority for the Director of Finance to agree the final terms of the grant funding</p>	Leader of the Council	<p>Cabinet member for Finance and Strategic Regeneration</p> <p>Director of Finance</p>	Report of the Director of Finance	Public	<p>Haringey has successfully applied for Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant Funding of approximately £2.5m across eight school sites. The grant funding is offered as part of the £1b made available, however the scheme had approximately £2.3b in applications.</p> <p>The scheme is an initiative by the government to deliver stimulus to the energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation sectors, supporting</p>

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		agreement which includes the Memorandum of Understanding					<p>jobs and delivering significant carbon savings within the public sector via Salix finance.</p> <p>On 29<sup>th</sup> January Salix informed the Council that they would likely be granted funding pending technical assessment (later passed on 9<sup>th</sup> February) with the option of a Section 31 grant being issued in March 21 (to ensure payment by the government in this financial year).</p> <p>In order to achieve this tight deadline, the Salix require confirmation of acceptance via letter by no later than 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. And draft documents of the Section 31 were issued on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February.</p> <p>The works, which are required as part of larger projects to address schools' condition, would have been paid for by the Council had this opportunity not presented and had already been commissioned prior to the funding being announced.</p> <p>Acceptance of the funding would assist the schools in benefiting from lower</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 the council will lose the opportunity to access funding to support schools in their existing endeavours in reducing carbon emissions. Also accessing this funding will support the council budget and enable further schools to take forward required condition works within the Children's Capital Programme. 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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