

**NOTICE TO CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
OF A GENERAL EXCEPTION TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE
INTENTION TO MAKE A KEY DECISION¹**

AND

**NOTICE SETTING OUT REASONS WHY PUBLICITY
REQUIREMENTS ARE IMPRACTICABLE²**

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

² In accordance with Regulation 10(3) 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 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. **This notice is to inform the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it has been impracticable to give 28 clear days public notice of the item(s) set out below for the reasons set out below and that it is intended that the key decision(s) will be made on the date specified below.**
4. **Notice is also given to the public that the reasons why compliance with the requirements for publicity in connection with key decisions are impracticable are set out below.**

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.

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	Public or Private Statement of reasons if private	Reasons why impracticable to give 28 days' clear public notice
19 March 2021	Asymptomatic rapid COVID Testing Sites	<p>This report seeks retrospective approval from the Cabinet Member to enter into a collaborative agreement with the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) to carry out asymptomatic mass testing at designated sites in the borough.</p> <p>Delegated authority action was taken by officers on behalf of the council to participate in community testing and a funding proposal for this was approved by the DHSC on 29 Dec 20.</p> <p>Expenditure on this project is anticipated to be £1,561,000 which is funded by the DHSC. This report provides approvals and governance for the funding agreement until the end of March 2021. The report highlights that further approval may be needed for the period 1 April 21 – 30 June 21 once the government confirms this extension to the mass testing</p>	Cabinet Member signing	<p>Cabinet Member for Adults & Health</p> <p>Interim Director for Public Health</p>	<p>Report of the Interim Director for Public Health</p> <p>Asymptomatic rapid COVID testing sites</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Collaborative agreement with the DHSC</p> <p>Appendix 2 – letter from Secretary of State for Health & Social Care</p>	Public	<p>Mass testing sites were rolled out rapidly over Christmas and into the New Year as part of the borough's response to the Covid pandemic, and at a time when levels of Covid in the borough were extremely high. The opportunity to roll out mass testing was made possible by government funding from the DHSC which was available at very short notice on 13 December 2020. An application for this was made under part three section E sub section 3 – sub paragraph 9 of the Constitution which allows expenditure in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>This decision will provide a record of decisions made as part of this process and to record the funding made available from the DHSC to do so.</p> <p>This report follows the opening of Council's final mass testing site, as set out in these plans.</p> <p>Taking the retrospective decision on the 19th of March will help meet pre</p>

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