

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	Public or Private meeting [information] Statement of reasons if private	Reasons why decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred
25 May 2021	COVID Additional Winter Grant Scheme renamed the 'Covid Local Support Grant' in Haringey	<p>The Government through the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) has provided additional funding to local authorities to administer the COVID Winter Grant Scheme renamed in April to the 'Covid Local Support Grant'</p> <p>The report will be seeking</p> <p>1)Approval of the COVID Additional Winter Grant Scheme Allocation Policy which sets out the Council's arrangement for administering the Scheme</p> <p>2)Delegating authority to the Assistant Director Commissioning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children to amend the policy to give effect to changes in legislation, statutory or non statutory</p>	<p>Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families</p> <p>Cabinet Member Signing</p>	<p>Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families</p> <p>Assistant Director of Commissioning</p>	Report of the Assistant Director of Commissioning	Public	<p>The Winter Covid Grant payment is expected to support households from 17th April-17th June 2021. This funding was only recently made available to local authorities and has a short window in which to be spent.</p> <p>Therefore, there is a need for an urgent decision to be taken on the recommendations in order to ensure that the funding is utilised and payments are made to support vulnerable people.</p> <p>Given the public health situation and need to distribute the funding by 17th June as well as the desire to support households with children over the Whitsun holiday, it is not practicable to comply with the 28-day notice requirement in Part Four, Section D, Rule 13 or the 5-day notice requirement in Part Four, Section D,</p>

		<p>guidance, or directives or instructions of a similar character issued by Government.</p> <p>3) Agreement that the policy is subject to the availability of government funding and will terminate on 17th June 2021 unless terminated earlier or extended beyond this date by Cabinet / Cabinet Member decision report.</p>					<p>Rule 4, or the General Exception procedure at Part Four, Section D, or the Call-In Procedure Rules at Part Four, Section H.</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 any delay in decision making will impact on the ability to utilise available funding to support families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals in Haringey. 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 of the Council Constitution.

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