

Report for: Full Council – 13 July 2020

Title: **Leader's Report on Special Urgency Decisions**

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Non Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 This report sets out the decisions taken under the Council's Urgency Procedure which are required to be reported to Council on an annual basis.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction
N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Council is asked to:

Note the decisions taken under the Council's Special Urgency Procedure.

4. Background information

- 4.1 Part 4 Section D, Paragraph 19.3 of the Council Constitution advises that the Leader will submit a report to the Council at least annually on the Cabinet decisions taken in the circumstances set out in rule 17(special urgency) during the period since the last report was submitted to Council. The report will include the number of decisions so taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which those decisions were taken.

Date	Report title	Report Recommendations
6.4.2020	COVID-19 FINANCIAL INTERVENTION AND MEASURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To note the interim reporting here on the financial implications to date of the Covid-19 crisis.2. To note the receipt of £8.094m Covid-19 Government emergency response grant.3. To approve that this grant funding be used to establish an Emergency Response Contingency in the Council's General Fund budget, and that authorisation process for its application be as proposed in para 6.3.2.4. To note that the financial impact of the crisis on the Council's net expenditure, as described in para 6.3.4, is expected to be considerably higher than this initial Government emergency grant funding.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. To note, in light of the emergency situation, and the statement of assurance from Rt. Honourable Robert Jenrick (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government), that the Council has, and will continue to, incur the additional emergency related essential expenditures required to fulfil its role. 6. To note that the additional emergency response costs will be reported to, monitored by and reported on by the Director of Finance and Lead Member for Finance and Strategic Regeneration. 7. To note that, notwithstanding the additional grant and the Secretary of State's statement regarding further government grant, Covid-19 must be expected to have a significant net financial impact on the Council in the short, medium and long term and that the Council will need to address these implications. 8. To approve the approach to both in year income collection and debt management as set out in sections 6.5 – 6.9 which balances the requirement for amounts due to be paid with an appropriate approach to collection during the period severely impacted by the Covid-19 virus. 9. To approve the proposed changes to the existing Policy for the Award of Discretionary Reductions in Council Tax Liability under Section 13A(1)(c) Local Government Finance Act 1992, as described in paras 6.9.15 – 6.9.23 and in Appendix 1. 10. To approve the establishment of a new Covid-19 response Capital Contingency (General Fund) budget via: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. a virement of £1m from the approved capital programme contingency 12. £4m from various existing capital budgets under existing delegated powers (paras 6.11.3 – 6.22.4) 13. To note the risk that some or any use of the Covid-19 Capital Contingency budget may not be recoverable via government grants. 14. To approve that the Council provides an estimated £260k of additional financial support to Haringey schools to meet the costs of their providing free school vouchers, over and above that met by the specific government grant funding, for the period from their closure to the end of the Easter holidays as set out in para 6.13.14. 15. To approve that any costs associated with recommendation 2.12, not reimbursed, to be met from the Emergency Response Contingency funding or, if not available, from other General Fund Council resources. 16. To approve the expenditure of £681k, as outlined in paras 6.13.16 – 6.13.25, in relation to the provision of additional capacity for Mortality Planning and that the Council's share of the cost of the Coronal district's additional capacity be met from the Emergency Response Contingency. 17. To approve an allocation of £100k from the Emergency Response Contingency for provision of community support and food aid as outlined in para 6.13.26. 18. To approve the proposed temporary changes to the Council's procurement and supplier remuneration/support arrangements, which are considered to be in accordance with government Covid-19 related Procurement Policy Notes (PPN) 01 and 02 as set out in section 6.4. 19. To approve a Rent Holiday, estimated as less than £100k, for those Voluntary and Community sector organisations for which the Council is the landlord, as recommended in para 6.13.32. 20. To approve the delay to the implementation of the new model of home care support that had been agreed at the March 2020 Cabinet as set out in para 6.13.26. 21. To approve the offer of an honorarium type direct bonus payment to every frontline home support worker, as set out in para 6.13.27, for the period of 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.
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7.4.2020	TRANSFER OF 'HARD' FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) SERVICES TO HOMES FOR HARINGEY (HFH)	<p>1.To approve the Interim Agreement for the provision of 'hard' FM services for a period of up to 12 months to 31st March 2021, whilst the longer term detailed contractual agreement can be put in place.</p> <p>2.To approve delegated and insofar as is necessary retrospective authority to the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Planning to commission 'hard' FM services from Homes for Haringey within the forecast 2020-21 budget envelope of £1,650,000 as agreed by Cabinet in the FM Commissioning Strategy 2019.</p>
7.4.2020	THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CHOICE BASED LETTINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the contents of the Equalities Impact Assessment attached at Appendix B of the report. II. Agreed to suspend the Choice Based Lettings scheme for lettings of Council housing on secure or introductory terms for a temporary period. III. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Planning in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing and Estate Renewal to lift the suspension of the Choice Based Lettings scheme when in their view the Government advice on social distancing permits multiple viewings to take place, following which date the Policy will be applied with the temporary changes set out in this report removed. IV. Agreed that during the period of suspension all allocations of lettings of Council housing on secure or introductory term tenancies be by direct let as set out in the Housing Allocations Policy as varied as set out in paragraphs 6.3-6.4 below and paragraphs set out in Appendix A of the report.
30.4.2020	AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO RENT 104 ROOMS AT FINSBURY PARK TRAVELODGE FROM MAY 15TH (OR AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE AFTER THIS DECISION IS MADE) UNTIL 30 JUNE 2020 AND GENERAL UPDATE ON PROVISION TO HOUSE SINGLE HOMELESS DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To waive the Contract Standing Orders 9.01 to 9.07 of the Constitution. To agree to the Council entering into a contract to rent 104 rooms at Finsbury Park Travelodge until end June 2020 at a total cost set out in Part B of the report for the purposes set out in paragraph 1.4 of this report. To note the amount already spent or committed to in the provision of 240 units and the likely forecast in order to meet this need going forward. To approve the virement of £2m from the Emergency Response Contingency in the General Fund, in order to meet the cost of the additional Covid-19 related housing pressures up to the end of June, including the initiative proposed in this report.
7.5.2020	PROCUREMENT OF CONTINGENCY PPE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To agree for the Council to enter into the pan-London MoA (a draft of which is attached as Appendix 1) with the London Borough of Ealing and other London Boroughs to access and procure contingency supplies of PPE through a supply framework. To agree that delegated authority be granted to the Director of Adults and Health to implement the arrangement for the pan-London MoA including approving any further amendments and entering into and signing off the MoA and any other agreement between the Council and the participating London Boroughs.

		3. To agree the allocation of £350,000 from the General Fund Emergency Response Contingency to cover the estimated costs of procuring contingency PPE for the period to end of June 2020.
12 June 2020	COVID-19 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS FUND SCHEME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Haringey Discretionary Grant Scheme as described in this report and appendices. 2. To 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 scheme has been fully applied.

5. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities) Finance and Procurement

5.1 No comments.

Assistant Director Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

5.2 The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England Regulations 2012) requires local authorities to consider an annual report detailing each executive decision where the making of the decision was agreed as special urgency.

6. Use of Appendices

None

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7.1 Background documents:

Link to urgent decisions is as follows:

<https://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=773&Year=0>

<https://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=435&MId=9521&Ver=4>

7.2 The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

7.3 To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 0208 489 2929.