

Report for: Full Council – 17 July 2023

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 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
28.06.2022	Household Support Fund in Haringey	It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Resident Services: Approves the expenditure of the remaining sum of the Household Support Fund allocation from the Government of £2,256,671.72 for the period April – September 2022. Approves the Household Support Fund Scheme Policy: June 2022 which sets out the Council’s arrangement for administering part of the additional funding and is attached at Appendix 1.

		<p>Delegates authority to the Director for Adults, Health and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Resident Services, to amend this policy to give effect to changes in legislation, statutory or non-statutory guidance, or directives or instructions of a similar character issued by Government.</p> <p>Agrees that this policy is subject to the availability of government funding and will terminate on 30th September 2022 unless terminated earlier.</p>
13.09.2022	Haringey Safety Valve Programme	<p>To approve the application based on the indicative workstreams and projects outlined in this report and further note that the indicative workstreams and projects are not yet agreed by DfE.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Director of Children’s Services and Director of Finance, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools, and Families and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Local Investment, to make the initial application to the Department for Education (DfE) to enter the “Safety Valve” Intervention programme by 15 September 2022.</p> <p>To delegate to the Director of Children’s Services and Director of Finance, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools, and Families and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Local Investment, to make final changes to the proposals following feedback from the DfE in advance of the final submission on the 6 October 2022.</p> <p>To approve, that, as part of the involvement in the ‘Safety Valve’ intervention programme, a request for capital will be submitted to the DfE, by 10 October 2022, to develop SEND provision in the Borough to aid delivery of the programme which will be incorporated into the strategic education master sites programme.</p> <p>To note that the Quarter 1 Corporate Monitoring Report addresses the Safety Valve project funding within the General Fund for the current year, and that the ongoing annual cost of this project will be taken into account in the preparation of the next future years’ Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p>
10 October 2022	Household Support Grant	<p>It is recommended that Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Resident Services:</p> <p>Approves the additional Housing Support Fund allocation from the Government of £2,406,671.72 for the period October 2022 – March 2023.</p> <p>Approves the Household Support Fund Scheme Policy: October 2022 which sets out the Council’s arrangement for administering part of the additional funding and is attached at Appendix 1.</p>

		<p>Delegates authority to the Assistant Director Communities and Housing Related Support in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Resident Services to amend this policy to give effect to changes in legislation, statutory or non statutory guidance, or directives or instructions of a similar character issued by Government.</p> <p>Agrees that this policy is subject to the availability of government funding and will terminate on 30th March 2023 unless terminated earlier</p> <p>Notes that a further set of recommendations for spend of the existing funding will come forward in due course, within the conditions set out by the guidance.</p>
19 January 2022	Schools Funding Formula 2023-24	<p>Schools' form will meet on 12th January 2023 to decide on the options outlined below. The Cabinet Member is asked to agree the changes (to be confirmed) to the local schools funding formula for the 2023-24 financial year.</p> <p>a) To adopt Model 2; and</p> <p>b) To note the transfer of 0.50% from the Schools Block allocation to the High Needs Block as agreed in the October 2022 Schools Forum. At the October decision this was estimated at £1.051m and with the proposed DSG allocation since announced this equates to £1.098m;</p> <p>c) To agree the Growth fund be set at £300k;</p> <p>d) To agree the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) is set between 0.2% and 0.34% dependent on the block transfers agreed and any necessary consent from the DfE;</p> <p>e) To agree the Block transfer of £122k from the Schools Block to the Central Block for Education Welfare Services, dependent on any necessary consent from the DfE;</p> <p>f) To agree the block transfer from the Schools block to the Early Years block of £60k to fund a Haringey Primary school with a Nursery School on a split site, dependent on any necessary consent from the DfE;</p> <p>g) To agree the de-delegation of £165k for Trade Union Representation (for maintained schools only).</p>
22 March 2023	Waiver of Call-in process for Good Growth Fund: Enterprising Tottenham High Road Deed of Variation	<p>To approve the receipt of £2.3 million from the GLA for the purpose of facilitating the delivery of the 639 Enterprise Centre Building Project.</p> <p>To agree to the Deed of Variation to the Good Growth Fund Enterprising Tottenham High Road Grant Agreement attached at Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>To agree to the Forward Strategy for the delivery of the 639 Enterprise Centre Building Project as per Appendix 2 of the report to enable the council to receive the £2.3 million grant by March 2023.</p> <p>To agree to entering into a funding agreement with the GLA for the purpose of delivering the 639 Enterprise Centre Building Project in conformity with the Forward Strategy set</p>

		<p>out at Appendix 2 of the report and to grant delegated authority to the Director of Placemaking and Housing, after consultation with the Lead Member for Housing, Placemaking, and Development and the Director of Finance, to agree the final terms of the Agreement, and to any amendments subsequently required.</p>
28 March 2023	Reallocation of Shared Equity tenure to Social Rent (High Road West)	<p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <p>Agrees to change the tenure of 46 homes currently designated as Shared Equity units as part of the High Road West Scheme to Social Rent homes as described in paragraphs 6.3-6.8</p> <p>Delegates authority to the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Planning to finalise any amendments to the existing contracts for the specification of the units to enable the change referred to at Recommendation 'i'.</p> <p>Notes changes to the grant funding arrangements as set out in paragraph 6.9-6.12</p> <p>Notes that the Council's offer to resident leaseholders is maintained as a commitment as set out in the Landlord Offer.</p>
28 March 2023	Household Support Fund in Haringey	<p>The Government through the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) has provided funding to local authorities to administer the Household Support Fund. It is acknowledged that local authorities have the local ties and knowledge and are best placed to allocate funding according to local need.</p> <p>The Guidance for The Fund provides for local authorities to determine eligibility in their area and target support to those most in need but within the scope of conditions set by DWP. The proposed decision on the Household Support Fund sets out how the Council will target and deliver support to residents. This spend is targeted to those that are most in need and is in accordance with the Scheme.</p> <p>The Household Support Fund payments are expected to support households over the grant period and for all funding to be spent between 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024. The Council has identified that the cohort of low income households with children, who are eligible to receive free school meals vouchers, will be particularly impacted by the challenges presented by the significantly rising cost of living. Without support over the school holiday period, children in these households will not be able to access free meals. There is a need, therefore, for an urgent decision to be taken on the recommendations contained in this report, in order to ensure that payments are made to support families with children, to continue to access Free School Meals vouchers during the Easter school holiday period.</p>
12 May 2023	Park View Secondary School	<p>For the Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families to:</p> <p>Approve, pursuant to Contract Standing Order (CSO) 9.07.1d) and CSO 16.02, the award to Contractor A named in Part B</p>

		<p>exempt report of a contract to provide temporary accommodation (13 classrooms, 1 office and 4 toilets) for an 18 month hire period at Park View Secondary School for a fixed price of £1,134,000 plus a contingency as set out in the Part B exempt report.</p> <p>Approve, pursuant to CSO 9.07.3, the issuance of a letter of intent for up to 10% of the contract value, namely £113,400.</p>

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

5.1 There are no financial implications as this is a noting report.

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 George Meehan House, 294 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8JZ.

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