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Notice of Urgent Key Decisions to be made by the Executive on 7 March 2019

Cases of Special Urgency Regulation 11 Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a Notice of Key Decisions to be made by the Executive at least 28 days clear before the meeting. Where this is not possible the decision may be made where the Scrutiny Committee Chairman has been informed and notice is given and at least 5 clear days have elapsed before the decision is made, and in cases of special urgency where neither is practicable the decision can only be made where the decision maker has obtained the necessary agreement(s) that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred and notice is given as soon as reasonably practicable after the agreement is given.

The following report has been submitted pursuant to this regulation.

Key decision and description of matter to be discussed	Reason for Key Decision to be taken as a matter of urgency	Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	Documents published
Expanded Retail Discount Scheme	In order to have a positive and immediate impact it is not possible to wait until the next meeting of Cabinet on 16 April 2020 and following government advice, prudent to avoid unnecessary meetings of groups of people. An urgent decision is required on the adoption of the Expanded Retail Discount Scheme. It is imperative that we deliver much needed support to the business community in the form of rate relief to preserve the local economy	The Chairman of Scrutiny Committee's agreement was obtained on 23 March 2020.	The decision has been published and is available on the Council's website.

In compliance with the urgency provisions, these decisions will be reported to the next meetings of Cabinet and Council.

COVID-19 - Allocation of funding to support vulnerable people and communities	The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has directed for COVID-19 community co-ordination hubs to be urgently established to provide targeted support for those most at risk during the coronavirus outbreak. Immediate action is required due to the real and present community impact on residents of the spread of the virus and the measures required to contain that spread, and any delay increases that impact.	The Chairman of Scrutiny Committee's agreement was obtained on 24 March 2020.	The decision has been published and is available on the Council's website.
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