

QUARTERLY REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS

Council - 23 February 2021

Report of: Chief Executive

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

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Recommendation: That the report be noted.

Reason for recommendation: To comply with the Council's governance arrangements.

Background

- 1 This report satisfies the requirement of quarterly reporting on Special Urgency Decisions as set out in Appendix A - Access to Information Procedure Rules, paragraph 18.3

'In any event the Leader will submit a quarterly report to the Council on the Cabinet decisions taken in the circumstances set out in Rule 17 (special urgency) or annually where there have been none. The report will include particulars of each decision made and a summary of the matters in respect of when each decision was made.'

- 2 It also satisfies the requirement as set out in Appendix C - Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules paragraph 18.17, that decisions 'taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.'

Introduction

- 3 One urgency decision was taken at a special meeting of [Cabinet on 15 December 2020](#), Minute 157.
- 4 Minute 155 set out the reasons for urgency.

Key Implications

Financial

The financial implications of these decisions are included in a separate report which complies with the reporting procedures set out in Appendix D (Financial Procedure Rules) 2(d) paragraphs 2.32 and 2.33 of the Council's Constitution.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

All relevant legislation and constitutional requirements were adhered to. Each decision sets out its reason for urgency.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Conclusions

The decision to use the urgency provisions as set out in the report were taken in view of the pressing need for an immediate response to the crisis.

Members are asked to note this report.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

[Council's Constitution](#)

[Cabinet - 15 December 2020 - Agenda and Minutes](#)

Dr. Pav Ramewal

Chief Executive