



**COUNCIL, 24 March 2021**

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**SUBJECT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RULES – EXCEPTION TO THE CALL-IN (REQUISITION) PROCEDURE**

### **SUMMARY**

Under paragraph 18e of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Leader of the Council is required to submit reports to Council on decisions taken by himself, Cabinet or individual Cabinet members, or key decisions made by a member of staff in the circumstances set out in Rule 18 (exemption to the call-in (requisition) procedure) within the previous 3 months.

This report lists matters exempt from call-in between 2 December 2020 and 2 March 2021.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report be noted.

### **REPORT DETAIL**

1. Rule 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules provides that:

- (b) The call-in procedure shall not apply where a decision being taken by Cabinet or an individual Cabinet member, or a key decision made by a member of staff is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interests.**

**The record of the decision and notice by which it is made shall state whether in the opinion of the decision making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in.**

**(c) The decision making person or body can only take an urgent decision under (a) above and avoid the call-in procedures after obtaining agreement from the Chairman of the Board that the decision be treated as urgent.**

2. A list of the Executive Decisions where exemption from call-in was granted between 02 December 2020 and 02 March 2021 appears below.

<b>Decision</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reason for exemption</b>
Contain Outbreak Management Plan	The Leader	02.12.20	Whilst some provision to respond to the ongoing challenge posed by the COVID-19 outbreak have been put in place (for instance COVID Marshals), the remainder measures require an urgent decision to be implemented. Therefore, a decision on this report under the "Special Urgency" provision is required to allow the Council to plan and undertake effective strategies for working and service delivery during the current Covid-19 outbreak.
Covid-19 Library service: temporary closures to support mass testing programme	The Leader	18.12.20	Urgent in view of the need to support the roll out of mass testing
Grant Acceptance-Property Inspection Work and Related Activities to Maximise Business Rates and Council Tax Revenues in the London Borough of	Chief Operating Officer	22.12.20	The Council needs to confirm its acceptance of the grant offer to the GLA. Early acceptance will enable the GLA to make payment to the Council in January 2021.

Haivering for 2020-21 to 2022- 2023			
Contract for the Supply of Temporary Workers	The Leader	22.12.20	<p>The Council's existing contractual arrangements come to an end in December. A short extension is required until Cabinet can determine the substantive contract award in January.</p> <p>Any delay to the implementation of the decision to award a one month contract caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's and the public interests.</p>
Contain Outbreak Management Fund – Phase 2	The Leader	22.12.20	<p>A decision on this report under the "Special Urgency" provision is required to allow the Council to plan and undertake effective strategies for working and service delivery during the current Covid-19 outbreak.</p>
Covid-19 Library service closure	Cabinet Member for Public Safety & Protection	06.01.21	<p>This urgent decision is taken to contribute to the delivery of the Council's Gold strategy for the management of the coronavirus pandemic</p>
Contain Outbreak Management Fund - Phase 3	The Leader	18.02.21	<p>A decision on this report under the "Special Urgency" provision is required to allow the Council to plan and undertake effective strategies for working and service delivery during the current Covid-19 outbreak.</p>

**Financial Implications and Risks:**

While there were financial implications around the decision described in this report, there are none directly associated with this report.

**Legal Implications and Risks:**

There are no immediate legal implications directly associated with this report.

**Human Resource Implications and Risks:**

There are none directly associated with this report.

**Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks:**

There are none directly associated with this report.

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**Background paper List**

None