

Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions

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Key decision(s) to be made by the as a matter of urgency Date of Notice: 27th July 2022

Local authorities are required to publish a Notice of key decisions and at least 28 clear days before the meeting. This Notice sets out decisions to be taken which have not been included on previously published statutory notices (the Notification of Key Decisions). In accordance with the Regulations, the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny has been informed of the matters to be considered and has agreed that call-in provisions be waived on the grounds of urgency.

Urgency Procedure

Under section 2.11 (Urgency procedure - Leader's Action) of Part 4.4 (Executive Procedure Rules) of the Council's Constitution, when an urgent decision needs to be taken in circumstances where to wait until the next scheduled meeting of the Executive would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Council, then;

- The Leader (or in his absence, the Deputy Leader) may, after consultation with the relevant Lead Member, take the decision.
- Before taking a Key Decision, the Leader (or Deputy Leader) must first consider whether the importance of the matter warrants the calling of a special meeting of the Executive.
- The decision must be taken in a way that fully complies with the Access to Information Rules and in particular, if relevant, with the rules relating to "key decisions".
- A copy of the minutes of the decision must be published within two clear working days of the decision and published on the Council's website with electronic notification given.
- It should be noted that where a decision is deemed to be urgent, and where the Access to Information Procedure Rules has been followed, that decision will not be subject to the call-in procedure provided the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees.

The following decision under the Leader's Action – urgency procedure is proposed to be taken on Wednesday 27th July 2022.

Item	Corporate Energy Purchase Contracts (August 2022 – March 2025)
Ward	All
Reason for urgency	In view of the extraordinary state of the wholesale energy market, approval is sought to change to the Council's energy purchasing strategy to manage the risk of price volatility. Delaying a decision to allow 28 days notice to be given would expose the Council to significant further risks from rising energy prices.
Decision taker	Cabinet Urgency Procedure – Leader's Action
Type	Key Decision
Call-in	No. The chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has agreed the decision will not be subject to call-in on the grounds of urgency.
Expected decision date	Wednesday 27 th July 2022
Date by which minutes will be published	Monday 1 st August 2022

The report will be made available as soon as it is available on the Council's website and at the Council Offices.

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