

REPORT FOR DECISION



DECISION MAKER:	COUNCIL
DATE:	29 November 2017
SUBJECT:	QUARTERLY REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS
REPORT FROM:	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
CONTACT OFFICER:	LEIGH WEBB, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	This report sets out details of decisions taken under special urgency provisions in the last 3 months.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	To note the decision
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	This report is for information, and there are no direct financial implications
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	There are no wider resource implications

Equality/Diversity implications:	No
Considered by Interim Monitoring Officer:	Yes Decisions taken in accordance with Urgency Procedures and Access to Information requirements as set out in the Council Constitution
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	
		29.11.2017	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under Section 18.3 of the Access to Information rules within the Council's Constitution the Cabinet are required to submit quarterly reports to the Council on executive decisions that have been taken under the Special Urgency Provisions in the preceding three months.

An item of Special Urgency is defined as a key decision whereby the report has not been published within the five clear days rule under the Access to Information Procedure Rules. The following report has to include the number of decisions so taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which those decisions were taken. In taking a decision under the Special Urgency Provisions the Decision Taker has to obtain the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Chair that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.

There has been one occasion when the Special Urgency Provision has been used over the preceding four month period:

Decision Taker/Date	Item /Decision and reason for urgency	Chair of Scrutiny Committee who authorised use of Special Urgency Provision
Interim Executive Director of Children's Services 01.11.2017	Regional Adoption Agency (i)That approval is given to the Council becoming a formal constituent member of the Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency with effect from 6 November 2017 and that affected staff are supported to second into the Regional Adoption Agency noting the additional	Councillor R caserta

	<p>financial implications for the Council by endorsing such arrangement.</p> <p>(ii) That Council is recommended to approve the necessary delegations and discharge of its duties in accordance with the legal provisions set in the Local Government Act 1972 and Local Authorities (Goods and Services Act) 1970</p> <p>(iii) That the Council Solicitor be authorised to enter into the necessary legal agreement to effect the new arrangements.</p> <p>Reason for Urgency: The secondment and financial agreements have only just been agreed and so it was not appropriate to send to Cabinet for a decision before this had been completed. There were no Cabinet meetings before 6 November 2017</p>	
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2.0 CONCLUSION

The Council is required to note the above decision and reason for use of Special Urgency provisions

List of Background Papers:-

Urgent Decision Form 2017/005

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