



Classification	Item No.
Open	

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	25 November 2020
Title of report:	Monitoring of Urgent Items and Exemption of Call-In
Report by:	The Leader of the Council
Decision Type:	Non Key Decision
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

The report advises Council of Executive Key decisions that have been taken as urgent items under Rule 18 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and that have been exempt from call-in because the decision needed to be implemented as a matter of urgency.

Recommendation(s)

That:

That Council notes the Executive Key Decisions that have been taken as urgent items and which were exempted from call-in in.

Key considerations

Background

- 1.1 Under Rule 18 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, it is reported that the following executive key decisions have been taken as special urgency items and as such have not met the required publication period of 28 days (and less than five days' notice for open items) on the Council's Forward Plan.

(i) **Leader Decision via Emergency Powers Group – 8.10.2020
Re Test and Trace Support Payments**

Decision Taken:

- Note the government scheme for test and trace support payments;
- Approve the proposed discretionary scheme and note that this aligns to the Greater Manchester scheme;
- Note the process for accessing the scheme.

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:-

Following the introduction of a new legal obligation to self-isolate if someone tests positive or is identified as a contact by NHS Test and Trace, the Government has introduced a new Test and Trace Support lump sum payment of £500 to support those on low incomes if they cannot work during their self isolation period and will suffer a loss of income as a result. The Government has also provided local authorities with funding to develop a discretionary scheme to support those that may not be eligible for the national scheme but who would benefit from some financial assistance. The scheme is to be administered by Local Authorities and must be launched by 12 October.

(ii) **Leader Decision via Emergency Powers Group – 22.10.2020
Re Distribution of the Adult Social Care Infection Control
Fund: round 2, to Care Homes, Care at Home (domiciliary
care), Supported Living Providers and other Community
Settings.**

Decision taken;

- Note Bury's further allocation of an additional £1.9m from the recently announced Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund: round 2;
- Note and approve the grant conditions and the distribution methodology;
- Note the reporting requirements October 2020 to March 2021;

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:-

To reduce transmission of coronavirus between carers and customers supported in Community settings such as Care Homes, in their own homes supported by Care at Home Providers, Supported Living Providers and to support wider workforce resilience and infection control in this sector to deal with COVID-19.

(iii) **Leader Decision via Emergency Powers Group – 22.10.2020
RE Temporary Closure of Longfield Car Park in Prestwich to
create COVID 19 Testing Centre**

Decision taken;

Authority to close the relevant car park fully for the period until Wednesday the 28th of October to allow the remedial works and the construction of the test centre, and the subsequent closure of half the car park for the foreseeable future during the operation of the DHSC run Prestwich test centre.

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:-

Rapid deployment of DHSC testing capability in response to second wave COVID growth

(iv) **Leader Decision via Emergency Powers Group – 22.10.2020
Re Care at Home Contract Extension**

Decision taken;

Approval to extend the current care at home contract for a period of 12 months, in line with the extension options in the contract, to allow for a full review of the service to be completed and recommendations for future provision.

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:-

Continuity of support pending a full review.

Community impact / Contribution to the Bury 2030 Strategy

N/a

Equality Impact and considerations:

24. *Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:*

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
 - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*
25. *The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.*
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Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
Failure to comply with Constitution	Reported decisions for note.

Consultation: N/a

Legal Implications:

The Council's Constitution requires that Executive Key Decisions that have been taken as urgent items under Rule 18 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and that have been exempt from call-in, be reported within 3 months to a meeting of the Full Council. This reports provides details of those decisions taken since the last Council.

Financial Implications:

No implications.

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Background papers:

Council Constitution

Records of Urgent Decisions

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Term	Meaning