



Report for: Council

Date of Meeting:	28 November 2024
Subject:	Information Report – Use of Urgency Procedure - Executive
Responsible Officer:	Jessica Farmer – Strategic Director of Legal and Governance
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	N/a
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out details of decisions taken under the Urgency procedure by the Leader since the meeting of the Council on 23 October 2024.

Recommendations:
That the report be noted.

Section 2 – Report

In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 47.6 set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, any Executive decisions taken as a matter of urgency are reported to the next available meeting of the Council.

Since the Council meeting on 23 October 2024, one such decision has been taken, the details of which are below:

Subject	Decision Maker	Reason for Urgency
Household Support Fund (sixth iteration – October 2024 to March 2025)	Cabinet – 15 October 2024	It was necessary to waive call-in due as the report could not be reasonably deferred because delaying the decision would have had a negative impact on the implementation start date. One of the key proposals in the report was to set up a scheme to provide some financial support to pensioners who would lose their winter fuel payment from the government. There was a need to get this decision implemented before winter started, waiting until November Cabinet for a decision would delay this.

Ward Councillors, outside organisations and interested parties were consulted on the report, as appropriate.

As the decision was deemed urgent, the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was obtained that the decision would not be subject to the call-in procedure.

General Exception, Special Urgency and Private Meetings

In accordance with Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was informed that the key decision in relation to the following report to Cabinet, which had not been included on the Key Decision Schedule, could be taken:

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Household Support Fund (sixth iteration – October 2024 to March 2025)	Cabinet – 15 October 2024	Delaying the decision would have had a negative impact on the implementation start date.

Ward Councillors' comments N/A

Legal Implications

As set out in the Cabinet report.

Financial Implications

As set out in the Cabinet report.

Risk Management Implications

As set out in the Cabinet report.

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

As set out in the Cabinet report.

Council Priorities

A place where those in need are supported.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Statutory Officer: Sharon Daniels

Signed by the Chief Financial Officer

Date: 19 November 2024

Statutory Officer: Jessica Farmer

Signed by the Monitoring Officer

Date: 19 November 2024

Mandatory Checks

Ward Councillors notified: N/A.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Cabinet report

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

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| 1. Consultation | YES |
| 2. Priorities | n/a |