



Report for: Council

Date of Meeting:	22 February 2024
Subject:	Information Report – Use of Urgency Procedure - Executive
Responsible Officer:	Jessica Farmer – Interim Director of Legal and Governance Services
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 30 November 2023.

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 30 November 2023, one such decision was taken, the details of which are below:

Subject	Decision Maker	Reason for Urgency
The acquisition of a site as a proposed location for a Special Educational Needs school provision	Leader	The decision was urgent as it involved a property acquisition which has timescales which are outside of the usual decision- making process.

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 as any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's interests.

General Exception, Special Urgency and Private Meetings

In accordance with Rule 17 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the key decision in relation to the following report to the Leader, which had not been included on the Key Decision Schedule could be taken:

Subject	Decision Maker	Reason for Urgency
The acquisition of a site as a proposed location for a Special Educational Needs school provision	Leader	At the time of the publication of the Key Decision Schedule, it was not envisaged that a Leader's Decision meeting would be required, and the decision could not wait until the next scheduled meeting of Cabinet on 15 February 2024.

Since the last report to Council it has been necessary to seek the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Leader to meet in private in order to consider one of the appendices to the above-mentioned report.

Ward Councillors' comments N/A

Legal Implications

As set out in the urgent report.

Financial Implications

As set out in the urgent report.

Risk Management Implications

As set out in the urgent report.

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

As set out in the urgent 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: 11 February 2024

Statutory Officer: Jessica Farmer

Signed by the Monitoring Officer

Date: 9 February 2024

Mandatory Checks

Ward Councillors notified: Ward Councillors were informed.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Alison Atherton, Senior Professional Democratic Services
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Background Papers: Urgent Decision Forms

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

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