

# Community and Wellbeing Committee

9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## URGENT DECISIONS

**Head of Service:** Victoria Potts, Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration

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**Wards affected:** (All Wards);

**Urgent Decision?(yes/no)**

**If yes, reason urgent decision required:**

**Appendices (attached):**

### Summary

To report to the committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution

### Recommendation (s)

#### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the urgent decisions taken and the reasons for those decisions, since the last meeting of the committee.**

## 1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To report to the committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 The scheme of delegation sets out that the Chief Executive and Directors are authorised to take decisions on grounds of urgency regarding matters which would otherwise be reserved for determination by a Committee or Council. A matter can be deemed urgent if, in the reasonable opinion of the officer concerned, a delay would seriously prejudice the interest of the Council or of the public and it is not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of the relevant decision-making body in sufficient time to take the decision.

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- 2.2 Since the last meeting of the Committee, three urgent decisions have been taken by the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair, Cllr Clive Woodbridge, and published in Member News in line with the Council's Constitution, Appendix 2, Paragraph 3.1. iii. The decisions are set out below.
- 2.2.1 **Decision 118** – Response to Social Housing Allocations Consultation
- 2.2.2 **Urgency reason for decision 118** - Insufficient time before the next committee as the deadline for consultation response is 26<sup>th</sup> March
- 2.2.3 **Decision 129** - Community Football.
- 2.2.4 **Urgency reason for decision 129** - The current Service Level Agreement (SLA) has expired, and we require an urgent decision to allow the Council to enter into a new SLA. This decision is needed before the next committee in July.
- 2.2.5 **Decision 130** - Epsom and Ewell Refugee Network (EERN) – Service Level Agreement (SLA) addendum
- 2.2.6 **Urgency reason for decision 130** - We require an addendum to the existing SLA that is held with EERN for the provision of support under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. The addendum would be for an additional £10,000 to be paid to EERN and is for the continuation of their drop-in sessions. This decision is required before July's committee as to allow the service to continue.

### 3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
- 3.1.1 None arising directly from this report
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
- 3.2.1 None arise from this report
- 3.3 Safeguarding
- 3.3.1 None arise from this report
- 3.4 Dependencies
- 3.4.1 None arise from this report
- 3.5 Other

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3.5.1 none

### 4 Financial Implications

4.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Finance are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.

### 5 Legal Implications

5.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** Legal are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.

### 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- N/A

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations –** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** - None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** N/A

### 7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

**Previous reports:**

- None.

**Other papers:**

- None.