

URGENT DECISIONS

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Wards affected: (All Wards);
Appendices (attached):

Summary

To report to the Council a decision taken by the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) Note the urgent decision taken and the reasons for that decision.

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To report to the Council a decision taken by the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration 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.
- 2.2 Since the last meeting of the Council one urgent decision has been taken by the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Mayor, Cllr Stephen Bridger, and published in Member News in line with the Council's Constitution, Appendix 2, Paragraph 3.1. iii. The decision is set out below:

2.2.1 **Decision 141** – Appointment of Interim Chief Finance Officer (S151).

2.2.2 **Urgency reason for decision 141** – The appointment of a s151 officer has to be approved by Council. Appointee needs to begin on 30th September 2024, and they must assume their statutory officer role upon the last working day of the current s.151 officer. This decision could not wait until this meeting.

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

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

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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.