

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 23 May 2018	
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Use of Special Urgency Procedures	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager
Wards affected	All Wards

Executive Summary

As set out in the constitution, a report must be presented to the Annual Meeting of Council setting out when Special Urgency provisions have been applied to Executive Key Decisions.

Council is asked to note the report.

Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Note the report.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Constitution sets out that this report must be presented to the Annual Council meeting.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Not applicable to a noting report.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 In normal circumstances the Council is required to publish on its website a public notice at least 28 clear days before an Executive Key Decision is taken by the Mayor in Cabinet, at a Cabinet Sub-Committee or as an Individual Mayoral Decision.

- 3.2 On occasion, due to reasons of urgency, it is not possible to provide this level of notice and the constitution provides procedures which must be followed in those cases:
- a) **General Urgency** – Between 5 and 28 days’ notice can be provided – the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must be notified of the item and the reasons for urgency.
 - b) **Special Urgency** – Less than 5 days’ notice – the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must agree that the issue is so urgent that longer notice cannot be given.
- 3.3 In both of the above situations, the reasons for urgency are published on the website alongside the decision documentation.
- 3.4 This report informs Council of those occasions during the previous municipal year where the Special Urgency provisions had to be implemented and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was asked to agree to a decision being taken through that process.
- 3.5 The two occasions where the Special Urgency Provisions were applied were as follows:

Report Title	Date of Decision	Reasons for Urgency
Fire Safety – Detailed Proposals for additional resources and urgent works	25 July 2017 (as an Individual Mayoral Decision)	In the public interest this report details urgent fire safety works that must be addressed immediately.
Smarter Together Programme – Grant Thornton Contract	18 August 2017 (as an Individual Mayoral Decision)	The value of the initial contract sum needs to be increased in order to allow for further packages of work to be undertaken. Additional work packages in relation to the Council’s Transformation Programme have been identified alongside other related work including actions to respond to the recent OFSTED report and its associated improvement plan and work for the Tower Hamlets Strategic Partnership and Community Plan development.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This is a noting report, the intention of which is to ensure transparency of decision making. Equalities Implications in relation to each decision will have been set out in the reports concerned.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

5.2 None specific to this report. Implications in relation to each decision will have been set out in the reports concerned.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 None specific to this report. Financial Implications in relation to each decision will have been set out in the reports concerned.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 This report is a requirement of the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices

- None.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A