

## KEY DECISION: SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE

(Constitution, Part 4; Access to Information rule 16)  
 (The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012: Regulation 11)

Note: For use where at least five clear days' notice cannot be given of a proposed key decision and call-in cannot apply. See also further notes on page 2.

**Date:** 26.03.21

**On behalf of Finance and Investment**

<b>Report title:</b> <u>Covid-19, Launching a new self-isolation support offer to Lambeth residents.</u>	
<b>Wards:</b> All	
<b>Why was it not possible to include the proposed key decision in the Forward Plan?</b> The setup of a new service, to be operated by Age UK as a separate to but complementary to the MyCommunity helpline currently operated by Age UK, at the request of Lambeth's Chief Executive and Director of Public Health, to breakdown reported barriers and improve our financial, social, emotional and practical support for those self-isolating. Due to the nature of the service, publishing the proposed key decision in the Forward Plan would result in delays to funding a project that will provide advice to support services as they relate to Covid. Expediency of approval is of the essence so a waiver allowing the related CMDRR to proceed as quickly as possible is in the best interests of the Council as it will have significant impact on those living or working in the Borough.	
<b>Why is it not possible to delay a decision until five clear days' notice has been given, and the call-in period of five clear days also allowed?</b> It is proposed that the Council's Special Urgency procedures are used in order ensure that this project is able to be fully funded as soon as possible to begin providing a 7 day a week service, assessing people's practical support needs and helping them access support. Delays to the decision-making process is likely to increase the hardship for local residents.	
<b>Decision-maker:</b> Councillor Andy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance	
<b>Date of proposed decision (this decision cannot be taken unless the agreement of the Chair of Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee has been obtained):</b> 18.03.21	
<b>Final cleared report (and this pro forma) sent to Chair and Vice-Chair of Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee, Head of Democratic Services &amp; Scrutiny and Scrutiny Manager on:</b> 26.03.21	
Note: Democratic Services to complete and send to the above.	
<b>Sent to Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	26.03.21, 12.20 (Democratic Services to complete)
<b>Approval from Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	26.03.21, 14.00 (Democratic Services to complete)

**Decision of Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**I AGREE that the propose decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.**

**Any other comments:** None

**Date:** 26.03.21

Further notes:

- the decision can proceed only if the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has given written approval (or Vice-Chair in their absence);
- this process should only have to be used on rare occasions;
- if the Chair has given agreement, the decision may be implemented immediately (call-in does not apply); and,
- the use of the special urgency procedure is required to be reported to Full Council on a quarterly basis (by Democratic Services on behalf of the Leader of the Council).

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