

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: 23 March 2015

Strategic Director for Delivery Sue Foster

Report title: Sale of Land at Lollard Street (Former Ethelred Youth Centre site)

Why was it not possible to include the proposed key decision in the Forward Plan?

Confirmation of site valuation was not received until 11 February from the Valuation Agency who had been jointly appointed by Lambeth and Education Funding Agency (EFA). Upon receipt of the valuation negotiations were concluded taking into account the various factors affecting the transaction including funding of the re-provision of the youth club and community facilities and overall budget for the new school allocated by the Department for Education.

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?

There is not enough time to give five clear days' notice of the decision or for a call in period of five days before the contracts for the land are exchanged on 25 March.

Decision-maker: Cllr Imogen Walker, Deputy Leader (Policy)

Cllr Paul McGlone – Deputy Leader (Finance and Investment)

Date of proposed decision (this decision cannot be taken unless the agreement of the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been obtained).

As soon as possible, subject to approval by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny

Committee.

Final cleared report (and this pro forma) sent to Chair and Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny and Scrutiny Manager on: 23 March 2015.

Decision of Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

EITHER:

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

Any other comments:

Date:

OR:

I DO NOT AGREE that the proposed decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred

Reasons:

Proposed course of action:

Date:

Further notes:

- The decision can proceed only if the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee has given written approval (or Vice-Chair in his/her 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)
- 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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