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Report Number **A/21/09**

To: Council
Date: 21 July 2021
Status: Non- Executive Decision
Responsible Officer: Amandeep Khroud, Assistant Director – Governance, Law and Regulatory Services

SUBJECT: REPORT TO COUNCIL ON A KEY DECISION MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION'S CALL-IN AND URGENCY' RULE

SUMMARY: The constitution provides that, when an urgent key decision is made by the Cabinet, for which any delay in implementation, likely to be caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the Council's or public interest, then the 'Call-in Rules of Procedure', Part 6.3, rules 1-6 do not apply. Key decisions, taken as a matter of urgency, must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report is recommended to Council, to note for information, in accordance with the constitution, Part 6.3, rule 7.

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive and note report A/21/09.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The constitution provides that, when an urgent key decision is made by the Cabinet, for which any delay in implementation, likely to be caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the Council's or public interest, then the call-in rules of procedure, Part 6.3, rules 1 to 6, do not apply. Key decisions, taken as a matter of urgency, must be reported to the next available meeting of the council, together with the reasons for urgency.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 26 May 2021, the Cabinet considered report C/21/07, which sought approval for the Addition of Cat A works to the General Fund Capital Programme, to enable the works to take place to the Connect 38 building as a matter of urgency, in order to let vacant office space.

The Cabinet made the following resolution:

RESOLVED:

1. That report C/21/07 be received and noted.
2. That £400,000 be added to the General Fund capital programme to allow the necessary Cat A works to the Connect 38 building to be met from monies received under the legal agreement for the original property acquisition (held in the Capital Grants and Contributions Unapplied Reserve).
3. That this matter will be reported to Full Council at the next available opportunity.

(Voting figures: 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

- 1.3 It was necessary to take the decision under the constitution's 'Call in and Urgency' rule (Part 6.3, rule 7) because there is no provision in the 2021/22 capital programme to undertake these urgent works. There is significant risk that if the budget is not agreed and the works commence immediately then the council could lose the tenant and the subsequent rental income.

2 LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

2.1 Legal Officer's comments (AK)

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

2.2 Finance Officer's comments (LW)

The financial implications of this report were addressed in cabinet report C/18/13 to which this relates.

2.3 Diversity and Equalities Implications (ST)

There are no diversity and equality implications arising from this report.

3 CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting:

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None