

Notice to the Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee



Urgent Key Decision form

DECISION DETAILS
Decision Maker: Cabinet
Decision Title: Energy Rebate – Operational and Discretionary Scheme
Description of Decision: To approve the Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme
When will the Decision be made? 07/03/22
Will the accompanying report be: Open <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Exempt <input type="checkbox"/>
Reasons for exemption (if applicable) The report will contain the following category of Information exempt from publication under the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, namely paragraph:
TYPE OF URGENCY
Please tick all that apply:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. The decision is urgent and <u>28 clear days' notice</u> of the decision cannot be given but at least 5 clear days' notice can
<input type="checkbox"/> B. The decision is extremely urgent and even <u>5 clear days' notice</u> of the decision cannot be given
<input type="checkbox"/> C. The decision will be made by members at a meeting and <u>28 clear days' notice</u> that the proposed decision may be discussed in private (i.e. the report will contain information <u>exempt from publication</u>) cannot be given
<input type="checkbox"/> D. The decision must be implemented urgently and the <u>5 day call-in period</u> <u>must be dis-applied</u> to allow the decision to take immediate effect.
REASONS FOR URGENCY
If you have selected options A, B or C please explain:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Why it was not possible to provide the required notice (i.e. why the decision or exemption was not anticipated)▪ Why it is impractical to defer the decision to a later date to allow the appropriate notice to be provided.
The government announced its Energy Rebate scheme for council taxpayers on 3 February. Regulations were announced on 11 February and these were used for a report to Council on 24 February that proposes an amendment to the Council Tax Support Scheme whereby

income from the Energy Rebate is disregarded. However, the Energy Rebate scheme also requires Council to have in place a discretionary scheme, but the required government guidance for the discretionary scheme was not published until Thursday 23 February. There was therefore insufficient time for this report to ready for 7 March Cabinet using the usual timescales. It is also not possible to delay further the creation of a discretionary scheme given the publicity available and the need to support residents as soon as possible.

If you have selected Option D please explain why the council's interest or the public interest would be seriously prejudiced by the decision not taking immediate effect.

SIGN-OFF

Strategic Director Customer & Digital Services

Printed Name: Peter Gadsdon

Signature: *Peter Gadsdon*

Chief Executive

Printed Name: Carolyn Downs

Signature: *Carolyn Downs*

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY GOVERNANCE SERVICES

CHAIR OF RESOURCES & PUBLIC REALM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Notice to: Cllr Mashari

The Chair is asked to:



Note that an urgent decision will be taken as detailed in the form above.

The decision is deemed urgent because insufficient (less than 28 days) notice of the intention to take the decision was provided on the Forward Plan. However, at least 5 clear days' notice has been provided and therefore the Scrutiny Chair is only required to note that the decision will be taken.



Permit the extremely urgent decision to be taken as detailed in the form above.

The decision is deemed extremely urgent as less than 5 clear days' notice of the intention to take the decision has been provided. The Scrutiny Chair is asked to agree that the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred for the reasons detailed in the form above.



Permit discussion of exempt information in private relying on Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

If a report is likely to contain information exempt from publication under schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, then 28 days' notice of this must be provided on the Forward Plan. Where this requirement has not been met, the agreement of the Scrutiny Chair is required before proceeding.



Permit the dis-application of the 5 day call-in period, allowing the decision detailed in the form above to take immediate effect.

A Cabinet decision or a Key Decision cannot be implemented until the 5 day call in period has elapsed and no valid call-in has been received. The call-in protocol can be dis-applied if the council's or the public interest would be seriously prejudiced by the decision not taking immediate effect. The Chief Executive must determine whether a decision is urgent in this regard. The consent of the Scrutiny Chair to the matter being treated as urgent is also required.

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Notice sent to Cllr Mashari on 24/02/22

Chair's approval:

Required

Not Required

Date approval granted (if applicable): [Click here to enter a date.](#)