

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

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REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS

Purpose

1. To receive an information report on any decisions taken under the Council's special urgency rules.
2. This is not a key decision because it provides the Council with information relating to any decisions already taken through the special urgency rules.

Recommendations

3. That the report be noted.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The report is for information only.

Background

5. The Council's Constitution, as per paragraph 17.3 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, requires the Leader of the Council to submit a report to Council on any Executive decisions taken in the circumstances set out in Rule 16 (special urgency) of the Constitution.

Considerations

6. Rule 16 of the Council's Constitution, entitled Special Urgency, reads as follows: -

"If by virtue of the date by which a decision must be taken Rule 15 (general exception) cannot be followed, then the decision can only be taken if the decision taker (if an individual) or the Chairman of the body making the decision, obtains the agreement of the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred. If there is no Chairman of that Committee, or if the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman will suffice."

7. One Executive decision has been taken in the last three months under the Council's special urgency rules. The decision was made by the Leader of the Council on 7 December 2012, as detailed on the decision sheet attached to this report at **Appendix A**. This decision sheet was published and circulated to all Members of the Council on 7 December 2012 in accordance with usual practice.

Implications

8.	Financial	None.
	Legal	The Leader is required to provide the Council with a report on any special urgency decisions.
	Staffing	None.
	Risk Management	None.
	Equality and Diversity	None.
	Equality Impact Assessment completed	Not applicable.
	Climate Change	None.

Consultations

9. No consultation was necessary in the production of this report.

Consultation with Children and Young People

10. No consultation with children and young people was necessary in the production of this report.

Effect on Strategic Aims

11. This report has no effect on the Strategic Aims of the Council.

Conclusions / Summary

12. Council is invited to note the contents of this report and **Appendix A**.

Background Papers: No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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