

REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS 2016/2017

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Leader of the Council

1. Purpose/Recommendation

- 1.1. To note that there were no decisions taken under the special urgency rules in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations, 2012 during the financial year 2015/2016.

2 Supporting Information

- 2.1 The above Regulations specify procedures and timescales that have to be followed concerning public access to meetings and documents where a local authority executive, committee or individual is taking an executive decision.
- 2.2 Ordinarily, a specified period of notice of such meetings/items must be given as set out in the Regulations. However, provision is made within the Regulations to enable the consideration of items concerning which it is not possible to give the requisite notice. In particular, the special urgency provisions enable a key decision to be taken which is urgent where consent has been obtained from the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman.
- 2.3 It is a legislative requirement that Council be advised annually of the number of cases dealt with under the special urgency provisions. There were no such cases during 2016/2017.

3. Options Considered/Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 None. It is a legislative requirement that any decisions dealt with under the special urgency provisions are reported annually to Council.

4. Resource Implications

None as such.

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Background documents: None