

AGENDA ITEM_____

REPORT TO COUNCIL

6 MARCH 2013

**REPORT OF THE LEADER
OF THE COUNCIL**

SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS

SUMMARY

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”), the Leader of the Council must submit at least one report annually to a full Council meeting, containing details of each executive decision taken during the period since the last report was submitted, where the making of the decision was agreed as urgent under the regulations. This is the annual report for 2012/13.

RECOMMENDED

Council is recommended to receive the report and note its contents.

DETAIL

1. The Regulations provide that where the date by which a key (executive) decision must be made, makes compliance with the usual notification and publication requirements impracticable, the decision can only be made where the decision maker has obtained agreement from the chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if there is no such person, or if that person is unable to act, the Mayor, or where there is neither, the Deputy Mayor, that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.
2. Such urgent decisions must be the subject of a report to the Council by the executive Leader, and there must be at least one such report annually whether or not urgent decisions have been taken.
3. During the municipal year 2012/13, no urgent decisions under regulation 11 of the Regulations have been taken.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial

4. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal

5. The report is required by regulation 19(3) of the Regulations.

RISK ASSESSMENT

6. The subject matter of the report is considered to be low risk.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

7. Democratic accountability is an important feature of the Council Plan.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8. An assessment is not considered necessary.

CONSULTATION

9. No consultation about the details of this report has been required.

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Background Papers:

Not applicable

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

The report is not ward specific

Property Implications:

Not applicable