

**NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN**

**GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE**

<b>DETAILS OF DECISION</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	Gateway 0: Approval of the strategic options assessment for the provision of Professional Technical Services
<b>Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision</b>	Approval of the strategic options assessment for the provision of professional technical services
<b>Decision taker</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date by which Key Decision must be taken</b>	18 July 2017
<b>Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan</b>	Market research for the GW0 was essential and during that time it became apparent that stakeholder consultation to meet the requirements of the various departments would take longer than anticipated, so the decision missed the forward plan update for May 2017.
<b>Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan</b>	<p>The Gateway 1 report is scheduled for approval by cabinet in September 2017 and is dependent upon the Gateway 0 being considered by cabinet in July 2017. The contract needs to be in place by October 2018.</p> <p>As part of the market research the GW0 is advising a Prior Information Notice (PIN) via OJEU to inform the market and allow negotiations which will require 6 weeks prior to the GW1 report decision in September.</p>
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