

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Gateway 1 - Procurement Strategy: Tier 4 Drug & Alcohol Placements
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	Introduction of a new charge for other local authorities to access and purchase from the Southwark Tier 4 Drug and Alcohol Placements light touch Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) which will commence on 1 April 2018 for an initial term of four years.
Decision taker	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Social Regeneration
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	November 2017
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	The gateway 1 – Procurement Strategy is a non-key decision, however the introduction of a new charge is a key decision and is the subject of this general exception notice. Ordinarily, the introduction of a new charge is a decision reserved to the council’s cabinet, however on 30 October the Leader of the Council, through his strong leader powers, varied the executive scheme of delegation to enable the cabinet member for public health and social regeneration to agree the new charge as part of the procurement strategy approval process. The notice of variation was issued after the publication of the Forward Plan relating to decisions to be taken from November 2017 onwards.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next Forward Plan to be published relates to decisions to be taken from January 2018 onwards. The procurement process for the DPS is planned to commence by 1 December 2017 to enable completion by 31 March 2018. Conclusion of the procurement by this date will enable more cost-effective purchasing of Tier 4 Drug and Alcohol Placements from 1 April 2018. A delay until January may impact on the start date of the new contract and the planned 2018/19 budget savings programmes for Public Health and Adult Social Care.
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