

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Great Estates – Estate Improvement Pilots
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	To approve the selection of seven Estate Improvement Pilots as part of the Estate Improvement Plans agreed by cabinet in March 2019, and to recruit a community gardening co-ordinator.
Decision taker	Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration, Great Estates and New Council Homes
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	31 October 2019
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	The council ran a public call for ideas and this resulted in 388 responses. A shortlisting exercise was undertaken to determine which estates would be put forward for inclusion in the pilots. The shortlisting took longer than expected and it was difficult to conclude when the decision was likely to be ready for consideration. Officers then omitted to submit the decision on the forward plan in error.
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 December 2019 onwards. The work on the pilots need to commence as soon as possible to ensure delivery within this financial year and to maximise opportunities for further engagement with residents on the proposals. Approval is also sought on the creation of a fixed-term post of community gardening co-ordinator to deliver the council commitment 'to give residents the tools to garden and improve their estates'. The appointment to the position is likely to be a lengthy process. The recruitment process needs to be started as soon as possible to enable the position to be filled in time for project commencement and delivery.

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