

**REPORT TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY – 20 MARCH 2024  
SPECIAL URGENCY AND URGENT IMPLEMENTATION DECISIONS**

This schedule lists details of those decisions which have been considered under the provisions of special urgency or urgent implementation since the last annual report of 22 March 2023. There were seven Special Urgency/Urgent Implementation decisions in this period.

REPORT TITLE/DECISION SUMMARY	DATE AND MEMBER WHO AGREED TO SPECIAL URGENCY / URGENT IMPLEMENTATION	REASON FOR URGENCY	DATE DECISION AGREED
<b>Gateway 2 - Contract Award Approval – Southwark Works Framework Appointment and initial Call-off Contracts approval</b>	Special Urgency  17 May 2023  Councillor Ian Wingfield, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Special urgency is requested due to unforeseen delays in the procurement process. The decision needs to be made on the 17th May in order to give the existing and recommended new providers adequate and appropriate time to fulfil their TUPE obligations.  The decision cannot reasonably be deferred as delay in the decision making process will mean the council will not be able to meet important TUPE obligations in a reasonable timeframe which carries a number of related consequences such as cost and impact on personnel. There could feasibly also be an impact upon the jobs of those employees of the current Southwark Works providers subject to TUPE	17 May 2023

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<b>Approval of Publication of Amalgamation Proposals for Cobourg and Camelot Primary Schools</b>	Special Urgency 23 May 2023  Councillor Ian Wingfield, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	A decision is required to move the statutory process on to the next stage, that is to publish a proposal and invite representations for a further four week period. At the end of this period a full report will be presented to Cabinet in July 2023 which will take into account results of consultation period before deciding whether to proceed with amalgamation of schools. If decision is not taken presently to move to the next stage it will not be possible to complete this in time for July Cabinet meeting	23 May 2023
<b>Gateway 3 – Variation Decision Peckham Rye Station Square Phase 1 Approval of final account and settlement Agreement with Circet Ltd for Phase 1 contract</b>	Urgent Implementation 1 June 2023  Councillor Ian Wingfield, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Urgent Approval to Sign & Engross Settlement Agreement between the Council and Circet Ltd (formerly known as KN Networks Services Ltd) for completion of works on Blenheim Grove building: PC 14 August 2023	1 June 2023
<b>Gateway 2 - Contract Award Approval - Leisure Insourcing Commercial Cleaning Services Contract</b>	Urgent Implementation 9 June 2023  Councillor Ian Wingfield, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Urgency is being sought in order to provide the authority that will enable the council to appoint the contractor and leave the required time to undertake the other activity required to onboard the contract before midnight on 20th June 2023.	9 June 2023

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<b>Gateway (GW) 2 - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Buses Contract Award</b>	Urgent Implementation 25 July 2023  Councillor Ian Wingfield, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	The urgency for this decision is that the provider needs to secure leases on the vehicles required to deliver the service before the end of July 2023. If these leases are not secured in advance of the contract start date this could lead to increased costs of 25%.	25 July 2023
<b>Approval of the Christmas 2023 small grants for tenants and residents associations and constituted community groups</b>	Urgent Implementation 15 December 2023  Councillor Ian Wingfield, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Urgency sought for the approval of the Christmas 2023 small grants for tenants and residents associations and constituted community groups. It is important that this decision is taken urgently because over 3,000 residents and over 30 community groups depend on this funding to put on community events which helps to facilitate community cohesion	15 December 2023
<b>Easter of Food and Fun 2024 holiday programme grant recommendations</b>	Special Urgency 4 March 2024  Councillor Ian Wingfield, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Special urgency was sought because of the decision is not taken now, the majority of the programmes (which are VCS Sector organisations) will not be able to operate over the holidays as they won't be able to prepare adequately or pay upfront costs. This programme supports vulnerable families including low income households, children of asylum seekers and refugees and looked after children. Without going ahead, additional pressure will be placed on families who are already under financial pressure due to the ongoing cost of living crisis. This will likely have an impact on the council's reputation.	4 March 2024