

NOTIFICATION OF CLOSED BUSINESS FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION BY AN EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING BODY

The required 28 days notice relating to a decision likely to be considered in closed session has not been given on the forward plan in respect of the decision detailed in this document. The matter is considered to be urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred for a further 28 days to enable the required notice to be given. Details of the issue are set out below.

Note: This notice applies to meetings of the cabinet, cabinet committee or community councils considering an executive function.

DECISION MAKER

Name of decision maker: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 31 July 2013

LEAD OFFICER DETAILS

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DETAILS OF THE REPORT

Title and brief description of the nature of the business to be considered:

Gateway 2 – Contract Award Approval, Long-Term Repairs and Maintenance Contract

To approve the contract award of the repairs and maintenance contract Camberwell, Peckham, Peckham Rye, Nunhead and Dulwich (and borough wide temporary accommodation).

- *Why the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred i.e. Why it cannot wait a further 28 days or more to enable the required notice to be given?*

The decision cannot wait until the publication of the next forward plan as the contract needs to commence on 2 October 2013. The council is required to give 3 months immobilisation period between the contract start date and contract award date for the contractor to prepare to be on site.

- *What is the potential cost to the council if the decision is delayed?*

Approval of this decision is crucial for the continuity of providing the repairs and maintenance services in the borough.

- *How long has the department known the decision required a closed report?*

Notice that a closed item was required was included on the council's forward plan for

decision to be taken at 14 May 2013 cabinet. The decision was however deferred at this meeting and a subsequent cabinet meeting 26 June 2013, which was after the publication of the forward plan relating to the decisions to be taken from June/July onwards. The decision to defer the award of the contract was taken in order to allow a full investigation in to an asbestos incident. This report was considered by cabinet on 16 July 2013. Following this consideration, cabinet agreed to receive the report regarding the award of the repairs and maintenance contract for the south of the borough at a special cabinet meeting.

- *If scheduled on the forward plan, what's changed to make this request necessary i.e. why a closed report is now necessary?*

This item was originally listed in the forward plan for consideration by cabinet on 14 May 2013 with notification that a closed report would be required.

Paula Thornton
For Proper Constitutional Officer
Dated: 23 July 2013