

Item No. 6.3	Classification: Open	Date: 13 July 2016	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Special Urgency Decisions – Annual Report	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly notes the schedule of special urgency decisions (set out in Appendix 1) taken in accordance with access to information procedure rule 19.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 requires local authorities to consider an annual report detailing each executive decision where the making of the decision was agreed as a special urgency decision.
3. Special urgency decisions are decisions that need to be taken within five clear working days; i.e. the requirements of access to information procedure rule 18 (general exception) on notice cannot be complied with. The decision will be subject to call-in.
4. The procedure for special urgency decisions is set out in Rule 19 of the access to information procedure rules. It states:

“If the date by which a decision must be taken means that rule 18 (general exception) cannot be followed, then the decision can only be taken if the decision maker (if an individual) or the chair of the body making the decision, obtains the agreement of the chair of the overview and scrutiny committee that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.

If there is no chair of the overview and scrutiny committee, or the chair of each relevant overview and scrutiny committee is unable to act, then the agreement of the Mayor of the council, or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor will suffice.”

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. The schedule listed as Appendix 1 contains details of those decisions which have been considered under the provisions of special urgency from 19 March 2015.

Community impact statement

6. There are no community impact implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Special Urgency Decisions	Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, SE1 2QH	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221
Link http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=50000003&RD=0		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Schedule of Special Urgency Decisions

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Ian Millichap, Proper Constitutional Officer	
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Version	Final	
Dated	28 June 2016	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments Included
Director of Law and Democracy	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	28 June 2016	