

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: 20 September 2016

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DETAILS OF THE REPORT

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

GW2 Asbestos Consultancy Services Contract A – surveying and bulk sampling and Contract B air sampling and monitoring

The contract relates to asbestos surveying and sampling and it is essential that the council has arrangements in place to meet its statutory requirements for identifying and managing asbestos within the housing stock.

The existing contracts are due to expire on 31 December 2016 and a minimum of 3 months is required for mobilising the contracts and TUPE consultation. A decision therefore needs to be taken at the 20 September 2016 cabinet to enable the contract timescales to be met.

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

The potential cost is reputational and financial for not having arrangements in place to meet the Control of Asbestos regulations.

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

The decision was included on the forward plan for consideration by cabinet in September 2016, however the forward plan did not indicate that it was likely that the report would be considered in closed session. The decision is closed under category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the access to information procedure rules of the Southwark Constitution 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)'.

Everton Roberts
For Proper Constitutional Officer
Dated: 12 September 2016