

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Gateway 2 - Procurement of a Back Office Planning Service
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	Funding a digital tool to manage the planning service back office service
Decision taker	Director of Planning
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	December 2020
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	The funding was provided by the Ministry of Housing, Communities, Law and Governance (MHCLG) on 10 November 2020. Therefore the funding for the project was not provided and the project could not be put on the Forward Plan. There has been considerable delay and therefore it was considered appropriate to wait for the funding before committing to the project.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next Forward Plan to be published will be the February 2021 Forward Plan. The MHCLG timescale for the spending of the funding is based on an immediate project start. The Planning Tool is replacing an existing Planning Tool. The contract for the current provider ends in July. Therefore we need to start work immediately so that the replacement is ready so that we do not have to pay twice for the same service.
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