

## NOTICE OF AN URGENT ITEM AT A MEETING OF A DECISION-MAKING BODY TO WHICH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION HAS AGREED<sup>1</sup>

The introduction of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 in September 2012 included a requirement to publish 28 clear days' notice of any intended key decision. On occasions, however, situations arise where an urgent decision needs to be made in respect of an item that does not appear on the Forward Plan or does not appear on the Forward Plan for that meeting. There are two different ways in which this can be done:

- the authority can take an urgent key decision without giving 28 days' notice where it is impracticable to give the full notice, provided that the authority gives at least five days' clear notice to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission, which can then call in the decision to check that it was genuinely urgent; or
- (ii) where a key decision is so urgent there is not even time to give five clear days' notice, the authority can take the decision if the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission has agreed that the key decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In accordance with Regulation 5(7) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

In this instance, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission (OSMC) agreed, at its meeting on 23 February 2016, that the Executive may consider the urgent item referred to below as it will allow for the results of the Phase 2 budget consultation to be considered as soon as possible after the closure of the consultation process.

| Date of Decision or period within which the decision is to be made | Ref No: | Matter in respect of which the decision is to be made | Short Description   | Decision maker | Executive<br>Member &<br>Lead Officer                              | List of documents to<br>be submitted to<br>decision maker | Public or<br>Private<br>meeting.<br>Statement of<br>reasons if<br>private. |
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| 24 March<br>2016   | EX3100  | 2016/17 Budget<br>Consultation – Phase<br>2           | To provide an update on the results of Phase 2 of the public consultation exercise in relation to the 2016/17 budget. The | Executive      | Andy Day<br>(Lead Officer)<br>Roger Croft<br>(Executive<br>Member) | Report and appendices                                     | Public   |

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