
Meeting	Budget and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	26 November 2013
Subject	Advanced Notification of Executive Decisions
Report of	Scrutiny Office
Summary	This report gives details of proposed decisions due to be taken under Executive functions, together with information as to whether any proposed decisions are subject to an exempt report, consideration of which will not be in public session. The report also indicates any of the decisions which at this stage are intended to be classified as 'key'.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	All
Key Decision	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Advanced Notice of Executive Decisions
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	N/A
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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That the Committee comment on and consider the Advanced Notification of Executive Decisions when identifying areas of future scrutiny work.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 None.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2013 – 2016 Corporate Plan are;
- Promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough;
 - Support families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and well-being; and
 - Improve the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None in the context of this report.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010, the Council has a legislative duty to have 'due regard' to eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality and fostering good relations in the contexts of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation.
- 5.2 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:
- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
 - The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 removes the requirement for local authorities to publish a Forward Plan of Key Decisions. This has been replaced with a requirement to publish an Advance Notification of Executive decisions which the Council has been compliant with since the regulations came into force on 10 September 2012.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

8.1 The scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.

8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are included in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution).

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Under the current overview and scrutiny arrangements, the Budget & Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee will ensure that the work of scrutiny is reflective of Council priorities, as evidenced by the Corporate Plan and the programme being followed by the Executive.

9.2 The Advanced Notification of Executive Decisions will be included on the agenda at each meeting of the Budget & Performance Overview Scrutiny Committee as a standing item.

9.3 The Committee is encouraged to comment on the Notification.

9.4 The Committee is asked to consider items contained within the Advanced Notification of Executive Decisions to assist in identifying areas of future scrutiny work, particularly focussing on areas where scrutiny can add value in the decision making process (pre-decision scrutiny).

9.5 When identifying items for pre-decision scrutiny, the Committee are requested to provide specific information on the rationale behind the pre-decision scrutiny request and the expected outcome to enable Cabinet Members and officers to prepare appropriately.

9.6 Any further Advanced Notices which become available will be tabled at the meeting.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None