



Council
17 October 2023

Title	Exception to the Call-In decisions taken as a matter of urgency.
Date of meeting	17 th October 2023
Report of	Monitoring Officer
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Appendices	Appendix A – Notice Urgency Provisions
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Summary

In accordance with the Council Constitution, Part 3C paragraph 51, decisions taken as a matter of urgency will be reported by the Monitoring Officer to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

Council are being asked to note that an exemption from Call -in was granted for 'The Approval of the Award of Provision of Leasehold & Main Insurance Contracts effective from 1 October 2023' at Cabinet on 5th September 2023.

Recommendations

1. That the exemption from call-in be noted.

1. Reasons for the Recommendations

1.1 At a meeting of Cabinet on the 5th September 2023, a key decision was considered on 'The approval of the Award of Provision of Leasehold & Main Insurance Contracts effective from 1 October 2023'.

1.2 The report seeks approval of the award of provision of Leasehold & Main Insurance Contracts effective from 1 October 2023. The reasons for urgency where as follows:

1.3 The council's insurance contracts are renewed annually on 1 October. The current contracts have been subject to Long Term Agreements (LTA's) which expire on 30 September 2023 with no option to extend.

1.4 The current market for public sector property, leasehold and general insurance is challenging and it has been necessary to extend the tender timetable to allow the market time to respond fully and negotiate with a sole supplier in respect of one element of insurance.

1.5 Once the award is confirmed at Cabinet, award notices must be issued to all bidders by 8th September. Allowing the required 10 day standstill period and barring any legal challenge, we anticipate having just 8 working days to finalise the arrangements before they must go live on 1 October.

1.6 If the award was to be called-in there would be insufficient time to meet these timeframes and ensure the council has adequate insurance arrangements in place from 1 October.

2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

2.1 None

3. Post Decision Implementation

3.1 None

4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

Corporate Plan

4.1 Not applicable

Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures

4.2 Not applicable

Sustainability

4.3 Not applicable

Corporate Parenting

4.4 Not applicable

Risk Management

4.5 Not applicable

Insight

4.6 Not applicable

Social Value

4.7 Not applicable

5. Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)
5.1 N/A
6. Legal Implications and Constitution References
6.1 Paragraph 51.5 of the Committee Procedure rules reads that “Decision taken, as a matter of urgency must be reported by the Monitoring Officer to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for the urgency.
7. Consultation
7.1 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was consulted and agreed that the decision proposed was reasonable in the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency.
8. Equalities and Diversity
8.1 Not applicable
9. Background Papers
9.1 Cabinet Agenda – 5 th September 2023 https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1010&MIId=11431&Ver=4