

15.5 Urgent Decisions Outside the Budget or Policy Framework

- 15.5.1 The Cabinet, a Committee of the Cabinet or Officers or joint arrangements discharging Cabinet functions may take a decision which is contrary to the Council's Policy Framework or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget approved by Full Council if the decision is a matter of urgency. However, the decision may only be taken:
- (a) if it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the Full Council; and
 - (b) if the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees that the decision is a matter of urgency.
- 15.5.2 The reasons why it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of Full Council and the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee's consent to the decision being taken as a matter of urgency must be noted on the record of the decision. In the absence of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee the consent of the Presiding Member and in the absence of both the Deputy Presiding Member of the Council will be sufficient.
- 15.5.3 Following the decision, the decision taker will provide a full report to the next available Council meeting explaining the decision, the reasons for it and why the decision was treated as a matter of urgency.