

## **Use of the Council's urgency processes involving a waiver of the Key Decision & Call-In process.**

Council is asked to note the decision taken and the reasons for urgency.

### **1. Decision: Award of Contract Leadership of Council's Procurement & Commissioning Function**

#### **1.1 Reason for Urgency:**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency approved (1<sup>st</sup> February 2016) the award of a contract to Ernst & Young in relation to delivery of the Council's Procurement and Commissioning function.

It was not possible to give the required 28 day notice of the intention to take this decision on the Council's Key Decision List due to timing of a decision by a neighbouring borough to withdraw from the joint procurement arrangements and associated changes that had needed to be made to the change management timetable.

The reasons for urgency in terms of implementation of the decision to the award of contract were as follows:

- The need to ensure that professional oversight of the brokerage service was maintained, especially in relation to vulnerable adults;
- To ensure that savings could be embedded and procedures put in place to ensure future delivery of improved outcomes and lower costs as soon as possible;
- To provide clarify around management procedures;
- To ensure current tenders remained compliant.

The use of the Council's Rule 16 Urgency Procedure (involving the waiving of the Key Decision and five day call in period) was approved by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 February 2016.