

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL URGENCY

Rule 2.6 Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules

It is a general requirement of the Council Constitution that advance notice of Key Decisions will be given in the List of Forthcoming Key Decisions (the List). Paragraph 2.6 of the Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules details 'Special Urgency' procedures to be applied where notice of a Key Decision has not been included in the List and where the decision is of such urgency that it cannot be deferred.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Boards (¹ Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles) has agreed that the decision referred to below is of 'Special Urgency' and that it can be taken forthwith and has signified such agreement by signing this document.


The decision to be taken²:

- a) *To commission up to a further 60 nursing and residential care beds from independent sector providers under block purchasing arrangements with immediate effect, for a period of three months, with an estimated cost of £468k.*
- b) *To extend the block purchasing arrangements for up to a further 3 months, for both the initial 60 beds previously approved (Significant Operational Decision taken on 24 March 2020) and the additional up to 60 beds (referred to in (a) above). The estimated cost will be £936k, for the total of up to 120 beds for the full three month extension period.*

The reason why the decision cannot be deferred and must be exempted from forward notification and call-in requirements³.

Due to the urgent need to secure additional beds to enable people to be discharged from hospital in a safe and timely way during the current COVID-19 crisis. Any delay to the decisions could result in delayed discharge, blocking hospital beds, and potential loss of life.

I agree that the decision referred to above is of special urgency and that it can be taken forthwith.

Signature 

Name⁴ Councillor Helen Hayden

Designation⁵ Chair, Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

¹ Insert relevant Board title or if necessary delete reference to Scrutiny Board and insert Lord Mayor

² Detail decision by reference to report and Delegated Decision Notice

³ Give both the reason why the decision cannot be delayed and the reason why the decision could not be taken earlier.

⁴ Type in name of Member to sign Special Urgency Approval

⁵ Chair of Scrutiny Board / Lord Mayor