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| Report Title | Action Taken by the Chair of Council Under Rule 19 of Section E of the Constitution | |
| Key Decision | no | Item No. |
| Ward | n/a | |
| Contributors | Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee) | |
| Class | Part 1 | Date: October 3 2018 |

ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL UNDER RULE 19 OF SECTION E OF THE CONSTITUTION

- The Chair of Council agreed under the urgency procedure set out in Rule 19 of Section E of the Constitution, that the matters listed below should be treated as matters of urgency and not subject to call-in. This determination not to subject two decisions taken by the Mayor & Cabinet and a decision taken by the Executive Director for Children & Young People to scrutiny was made by the Chair of Council as the delay in considering the item of business would have prejudiced the interests of the Council.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Reason for Urgency</u> |
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| July 12 2018 | Application to Secretary of State for the Milford Towers Leasing Scheme | Legal advice was given that an application to the Secretary of State, endorsed by the Council on July 18, had to be submitted by the end of July to ensure sufficient time to consider the application before the leases on the properties at Milford Towers expired. |
| August 20 2018 | New Woodlands School | The New Woodlands school project, which comprises works to facilitate Key Stage 4 Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Special Educational Needs provision at the school, was due to be delivered for September 2018. However owing to an unsuccessful procurement exercise, whereby the low number of returned tenders were either over budget or did not meet the required quality standards, it has not been possible to appoint a contractor to undertake the works over the summer holidays. As such, the majority of these works will need to be re-procured, and a revised completion date of September 2019 has been agreed with the Children |

and Young People Directorate and the School. This will provide the necessary time for the scheme to be competitively procured, and for the works to be programmed and executed with minimum disruption to the staff and students.

However in order to accommodate the Key Stage 4 pupil intake in the 18/19 academic year and meet their statutory obligations, the school need to provide a science curriculum. The works to convert the 'Chalet' building into a science laboratory therefore cannot wait until next year, and need to be delivered ASAP. Ideally this facility would be in place by September 2018, but the earliest the works can now feasibly be completed is the end of October 2018, through a variation to one of the existing School Minor Works Programme contracts. The works detailed in the variation report are the essential works required to refurbish the Chalet and convert it into a science laboratory, to be delivered by October 2018. The school will need to provide theory/desk-based science curriculum until such time as the laboratory is ready.

The programme for these works is incredibly tight, and in order to meet the October 2018 deadline it is imperative that the works are instructed by 23rd August. This will ensure the contractor has enough time to mobilise prior to the end of the summer holiday, and order the specialist furniture, fittings and equipment.

It would not be possible to complete these works on time if the report was subject to potential call-in at the next Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel meeting on October 2 2018.

August 28 2018 Homes for Londoners Bid

A proposed bid was made to the Greater London Authority for grant funding as part of the Building Council Homes for Londoners programme and additional headroom in the Housing Revenue Account. Both of which will help the Council to meet the Mayor's target of delivering 1000 new social homes by

2022.

A report to Mayor and Cabinet on 20 September 2018 sought approval to submit the bid.

An exemption from scrutiny was sought for the following reasons:

- There is an imperative that the bid to the GLA is submitted by 30th September 2018. Due to the timing of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel for M&C papers on 20th September will not be until 2nd October 2018.
- The funding window for the GLA bid lunched in mid-July. Due to the work required to provide a robust, well-evidenced submission, the M&C on 20th September is the only realistic date that this bid could be presented for approval
- Prior to Mayor and Cabinet, the paper will be presented to Housing Select Committee who will scrutinise the decision formally in public

RECOMMENDATION that the actions taken by the Chair of Council be noted.