Reports not on the Forward Plan / Late Report / Confidential or Exempt Information not Notified

Birmingham City Council

29 September 2022



Subject: Cost of Living Emergency Programme

Report of: Richard Brooks, Director of Strategy, Equality and Partnerships

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1) Key Decisions not on the Forward Plan / Urgent Decisions

To be completed for Key Decisions not on the Forward Plan 28 days before the Cabinet meeting at which the decision is to be taken.

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| Reasons for Urgency / why not included on the notification | On the 6th September 2022, the Leader announced his intention for the council to declare a 'Cost of Living Emergency'. Shortly after the announcement, the country went into a national period of mourning following the Queen's death on the 8th September 2022. The first consideration of the announcement was discussed by the Council's Corporate Leadership Team on the 20th September, where it was agreed that a Cost of Living programme should be established and agreement sought from Cabinet on the governance, priorities and funding. A public commitment to bring in 'warm banks' as soon as possible and early analysis has shown that there is an immediate priority to have some areas of work delivered and in place ahead of the cold weather setting in, and most significantly ahead of the school October 2022 half term where there will be increased pressure on families to heat their homes all day. Therefore, there was agreement at the 20th September Corporate Leadership Team that a key decision on the programme and funding be brought to the 11th October 2022 (Cabinet) meeting. This would also align with the Leader's intention to announce a Cost-of-Living emergency and provide a strong response in terms of immediate support that will be put in place to support the most vulnerable and those at greatest risk. | |
| Date Chief Executive Agreement obtained: | 30 th September 2022 | |

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| Name, Date and any comments of O&S | 29 th September 2022 |
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| Chair agreement obtained: | "Yes, I agree to this going forward to Cabinet." |

2) Key Decisions not notified on the Notification of Intention to Consider Matters in Private

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| Reasons for Urgency / why not included on the notification | [insert reasons] |
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| Name, Date and any comments of O&S Chair agreement obtained: | |

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3) Late Reports

To be completed for all late reports, i.e. which cannot be despatched with the agenda papers i.e. 5 clear working days' notice before meeting.

| Reasons for Urgency / why late | [insert reasons] |
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| Date agreement obtained (Executive e.g. Leader and/or CEX): | |