

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

NOTICE OF URGENT KEY DECISION

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with paragraph 93 of the Council's Constitution, the Executive intends to take an urgent key decision on 1 September 2022 on the issue of **Energy Purchasing**.

The reason for use of the urgency procedures is as follows:

Energy prices for 2023/24 have risen significantly in the past few weeks, representing an increase of over £20m. The council has an opportunity to access significantly lower prices by terminating its existing energy supply contracts and joining a public buying organisation (PBO), which has already purchased most of next year's energy supplies at a rate lower than current market rates. The potential cost avoidance at current rates is several million pounds. The PBO requires the council to contract with them by mid-September, thus requiring an urgent decision. It is not possible to postpone the decision to a future meeting of the Executive.

If the council is unable to join the PBO, the council's energy consultants have advised that the council should start to hedge (purchase in advance) for next year. The last contract modification notice raised the purchasing threshold to £64m. However, there is only £9m unspent within this, which is insufficient to carry out significant hedging. The issuing of another contract modification notice is therefore urgently required in order to hedge for next year.

This notice is being given because the matter was not publicised 28 days in advance of the decision and the report will not be published for 5 clear working days in advance of the decision. The decision will be considered at a public meeting of the Executive and the call-in procedure will apply in the usual way.

The use of the urgency procedures has been approved by Cllr Jenny Kay, Chair of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee, under paragraph 93 of the Council's Constitution.

Further information may be obtained from Democratic Services, Telephone (020) 7527 3308.

Signed:



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