

# **Report of an Urgent Decision under Rule 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework procedure Rules**

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<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr Ash Ashbee, Leader of Council and Cllr David Saunders, Cabinet Member for Finance
<b>Status</b>	For Information
<b>Classification:</b>	Unrestricted
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Ward:</b>	All

## **Executive Summary:**

This report notifies Council of the use of powers to take an urgent decision by Cabinet under Rule 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in the Constitution.

## **Recommendation(s):**

None - the Report is for Information only.

## **Corporate Implications**

### **Financial and Value for Money**

Please see comments in the original report

### **Legal**

Rule 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in the Constitution states that all decisions outside the Budget and Policy Framework should be made by full Council. This matter was brought to Cabinet on 8 June 2021 as an urgent decision since the next meeting of Council was not until July. The Constitution states that Cabinet can deal with this decision as an urgent matter, subject to the agreement of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It also states that, following the urgent decision, a report will be taken to the next meeting of Council to explain the decision and the reason for the urgent decision.

### **Corporate**

Please see comments in the original report

## Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

Please see comments in the original report

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

*(delete as appropriate)*

- *Growth*
- *Environment*
- *Communities*

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 An urgent report was brought to Cabinet on 8 June 2021 entitled " Cost and Financing of Disciplinary and Grievances Matters."

1.2 As an urgent decision outside the budget framework, the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny was informed and gave consent for the matter to be dealt with by Cabinet. It was reported that a report would be brought to this meeting of Council.

1.3 The original report can be found at the following link:

<https://democracy.thanet.gov.uk/documents/s72593/Cost%20and%20Financing%20of%20Disciplinary%20and%20Grievances%20Matters%20-%20Cab%208%20June%202021%20-%20Google%20Docs.pdf>.

1.4 Minutes from the meeting can be found at the following link:

<https://democracy.thanet.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=151&MId=5965>

## 2.0 Reasons for the Urgent Decision

2.1 Cabinet was requested to consider the report and make an urgent decision because of the increase in costs over and above the amounts budgeted for. These costs had not been reflected in the previous most recent budget monitoring report.

2.2 Officers had recently obtained an up to date costs breakdown of the proceedings and it was imperative to present these costs for a decision to be taken on the budget as quickly as possible.

2.3 The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny was consulted on the matter and agreed that the matter should be dealt with by Cabinet under the rules on urgent decisions.

## 3.0 Next Steps

3.1 Costs of the proceedings will be closely monitored and reported to the General Purposes Committee as necessary.

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**Corporate Consultation**

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**Legal:** Not required