

SUBJECT:	CALL IN AND URGENCY
MEETING:	COUNCIL
DATE OF REPORT:	16 JUL 20
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report follows the decision by Cabinet to deal with an urgent matter on 27 May 2020, thus waiving the option of call in, and triggering the constitutional requirement to submit a report to Council explaining the reason for the urgency thereafter.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Council is requested to note this report.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 On 27 May 2020 Cabinet received a report entitled "Covid 19 – Proposal to Utilise Gilwern Outdoor Education Centre for Emergency Homeless Accommodation". Cabinet approved the recommendations therein.
- 3.2 The call-in procedure allows a matter decided by the Executive to be discussed by an appropriate Select Committee if 3 Councillors so request within 5 clear working days of the decision being published (within 2 clear working days of the decision). There is then a further 15 days in which the Chair of the Select Committee should hold a meeting.
- 3.3 This procedure shall not apply when a matter is considered to be urgent. A decision is urgent if the delay articulated above would prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.
- 3.4 In this case, the Welsh Government issued "*Coronavirus (COVID-19): Local Authority Support for Rough Sleepers*" that required Local Authorities to immediately, safely house those rough sleeping or displaced as a result of the state of emergency. This requirement saturated MCC's normal accommodation options and so an additional resource had to be identified at speed.
- 3.5 It was submitted to the Proper Officer (in the absence of Select Committees sitting at the time owing to the Covid emergency), that the potential for delay that the call-in procedure provides would have resulted in a risk of MCC not meeting the requirement set out in the above document issued by Welsh Government. Accordingly, he agreed to treat the matter as urgent.
- 3.6 Cabinet approved the request that the matter be treated as urgent.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING)

- 4.1 Given the nature of this report no implications have been identified.

5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

- 5.1 The report is to note only and is mandated by the constitution. Do nothing was not an option.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONSULTEES

7.1 There has been no formal consultation on this report as it is mandated by the Constitution though the Monitoring Officer has been consulted.

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