

## CITY COUNCIL

5 JULY 2010

### REPORT OF KEY DECISION TAKEN BY CABINET UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS

**Minutes 17 and 18 of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 June 2010.**

#### 17. EXEMPT BUSINESS

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

#### 18. Agency Staff Procurement - contract extension (E3)

The Director for Corporate Support submitted a written report.

The report indicated that in view of the value of the contract extension, the decision was a key decision and the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board has been sought to the special urgency provision.

This decision was also required urgently because the tendering process had not been concluded and the interim arrangement currently in place required an extension pending the report to Cabinet in July 2010. In accordance with the constitution, the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board had been sought as any delay likely to be caused by a call in, would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest because it would result in the Council being unable to procure temporary staff at negotiated rates and would potentially increase employment related risks.

Agreed that –

- (1) the existing contract for agency staff is extended until the 31 October 2010;
- (2) following the conclusion of the tendering process, a paper will be presented to Cabinet in July 2010 setting out recommendations for the award of the new contract which it is anticipated will commence on 1 October 2010;
- (3) the timetable for tender award and contract start is noted as set out in the report.

Note: This item has been designated as urgent in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and is not subject to the call in procedure.

(In accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Chair brought forward the above item for urgent consideration because of the need for a Cabinet decision).