

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: All
REPORT TITLE: Items Exempted from Call-In on Grounds of Urgency	
REPORT OF: Borough Solicitor	
FOR SUBMISSION TO: Council	DATE: 21 st July 2025
SUMMARY OF REPORT: <p>This report sets out for information details of items which have recently been exempted from call-in on grounds of urgency.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</p> <p>No documents which require listing were used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Vicky Wemyss-Cooke Democratic Services Town Hall Judd Street London WC1H 9JE</p> <p>Telephone: 020 7974 5726</p> <p>E-Mail: vicky.wemyss-cooke@camden.gov.uk</p>	
RECOMMENDATION: <p>That the Council notes the report.</p>	



Signed by the Borough Solicitor

Date: 10th July 2025

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the circumstances under which a report may be exempted from call-in and details reports that have recently been exempted. The report is coming to Members as the Constitution states that all such items must be reported to a meeting of the Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 Under the Council's Constitution any four Members of the Council may submit a request for any decision of the Cabinet, an individual member of the Cabinet or a committee of the Cabinet, or a key decision of an officer or under joint arrangements, to be called-in for consideration by the relevant Council Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 However, where the decision making body considers that a matter is so urgent that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest, it may state that it is urgent and that it should not be subject to call-in. The consent of the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee is also required.
- 2.3 The Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. This must then be reported to full Council.

3. Report exempted from call-in

- 3.1 The following decision has recently been exempted from call-in:-

[Housing Revenue Account Budget and Rent Review 2025/26](#)

The Cabinet approved the recommendations set out in the report on 15th January 2025.

An exemption from call in was agreed by the Chair of the Housing Scrutiny Committee to facilitate the notice of rent change being given to tenants in time for the changes to be implemented in April 2025.

[Property Acquisitions to Meet Housing Need in Camden](#)

The Cabinet Member for Better Homes approved the recommendations set out in the report on 27th February 2025.

An exemption from call in was agreed by the Chair of the Housing Scrutiny Committee due to the accelerating nature of the acquisitions programme, the additional linked strands which fall within the general terms and objectives of the Temporary Accommodation Purchase Programme and the desire to report progress to the Cabinet Member within the 2024/5 financial year. There was significant spending planned until the end of the financial year and in a highly competitive commercial market there was a necessity for swift action by officers in identifying and acting on appropriate purchasing opportunities.

One Year Grant to Single Homeless Project for the Provision of a Navigator Service

The Leader of the Council approved the recommendations set out in the report on 31st March 2025.

An exemption from call in was agreed by the Chair of the Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee as agreement of the grant funding was required without delay so that this vital service could continue to support those sleeping rough.

4. Comments of the Borough Solicitor

4.1 The Borough Solicitor has no comments to add.

5. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

5.1 The Executive Director Corporate Services has no comments to add.

6. Environmental Implications

6.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

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