

EMERGENCY PROVISIONS FOR DECISION MAKING DURING A PERIOD OF SERIOUS AND UNEXPECTED DISRUPTION

1.	Rules for Decision Making during a Period of Serious and Unexpected Disruption	
1.1	This rule applies to all decisions of the Council (including the Executive) in times of emergency, where that decision would be unable to be taken otherwise, and notwithstanding the provisions relating to urgent Key Decisions contained within Rules 15 and 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (as set out in Part 4).	
1.2	For the purposes of this rule ‘times of emergency’ means the occurrence of an emergency under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 or otherwise during a period of serious and/or unexpected disruption to the conduct of Council business.	
1.3	Where this rule applies the decision may be taken, without the matter being put to a decision of the Council, Cabinet, or Committee (as relevant) if the decision maker obtains the agreement of the:	
	(a)	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee; or (if they are unable to act)
	(b)	Mayor and Deputy Mayor; and Political Group Leaders <u>(other than the Political Group Leader who is the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee)</u>
	that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.	
1.4.	Where a decision is taken under this rule, the decision shall be reported to the next available meeting of the relevant Committee, Cabinet or Council meeting as appropriate.	