

COUNCIL
11 NOVEMBER 2021

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF REPORT: USE OF URGENCY IN RELATION TO CALL-IN FOR DECISION ON BUSINESS RATE POOLING

REPORT OF: *Service Director: Resources*

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: *N/A*

COUNCIL PRIORITY: BE A MORE WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE AND EFFICIENT COUNCIL

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To notify Council that the urgency provisions in relation to call-in were applied to a delegated decision made by the Service Director: Resources (in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and IT) in relation to Business Rate Pooling on 8 October 2021. This was due to the timing and availability of the information required to make the decision and the deadline for submitting the pooling application. Allowing for potential call-in would have made it impossible to meet the deadline set by Government of 8 October 2021. As per the Constitution, the Chair of the Council agreed to the decision being treated as a matter of urgency. The Constitution requires that use of this provision is reported to the next meeting of Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

Provisions for the use of call-in and urgency are set out in paragraph 6.3.11 (b) (i) of the Constitution.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That Council notes the use of urgency provisions in relation to the Business Rate Pooling decision made by Cabinet on 8 October 2021.

All information in relation to this decision is available to view via the link below (background papers)

3. CONTACT OFFICERS

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4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 4.1 *Decision notice:*
<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2.%20Business%20Rate%20Pooling%20-%208%20October.pdf>