

**COUNCIL
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***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF INFORMATION NOTE : BUSINESS RATE POOLING APPLICATION – USE OF URGENCY IN RELATION TO CALL-IN

INFORMATION NOTE OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND IT

PRIORITY RESPONSIVE AND EFFICIENT

1. SUMMARY

As required by the Constitution this report informs Full Council of the use of urgency provisions in relation to the decision:

That North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) should be part of an application for a Business Rates pool in 2020/21. This pool would be made up of NHDC, Hertfordshire County Council and 4 other districts.

The availability of the information required to make the decision was not available in time to allow for a call-in period and still meet the deadline set by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

2. STEPS TO DATE

It was not possible for the decision to be made so that there was time for a call-in period and still meet the Department for Communities and Local Government deadline. To not make the decision would have meant that the Council would lose the opportunity to take advantage of additional funding that could be around £600k.

3. INFORMATION TO NOTE

Where urgency provisions are applied under section 6.3.11 (b) (i) of the Constitution there is a requirement that this is reported to the next available Full Council meeting. The reasons for the decision itself are covered in the delegated decision notice which can be found here:

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/council-and-democracy/decisions/delegated-decisions-2019>

The Chair of the Council agreed to the application of section 6.3.11 (b) (i) of the Constitution in respect of this decision.

This report contains a recommendation on a key Executive decision that was first notified to the public in the Forward Plan on the 18th September 2019.

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5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cabinet Report, 24th September 2019 <https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/documents/s8468/Business%20Rate%20Pooling%20202021.pdf>