

Meeting Council

Portfolio Area

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DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE UNDER THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of decision(s) taken by the Cabinet in accordance with the Special Urgency provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Council is recommended to note the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Standing Order 43.1 require the Executive Leader, to submit a report to the Council on decisions taken by the Cabinet in pursuance of the Special Urgency provisions set out in Regulation 19 of the Regulations and in the Council's Standing Order 37.
- 3.2. Set out below are details of the Cabinet's decision taken since May 2026 in pursuance of the Special Urgency provisions referred to above:

Date of Meetings	Subject	Decision(s)
10 June 2026	Local Government Reorganisation Structural Changes Order Submission	That the proposed responses detailed in Appendix A to the report be approved and authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the response and submit to MHCLG in accordance with the required timeframe

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (the Rules) under the Constitution, the call-in procedure did not apply where the decision being taken by Cabinet is urgent (as was proposed in this case). On 8 June 2026, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to disapply the call in procedure in respect of the Local Government Reorganisation and Local Elections 2026 report reflecting both the urgency of the decision and the necessity of progressing within the limited time available.
- 4.2 Under the Rules, the decision to disapply must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council together with the reasons for the urgency. The reason for the urgency was due to the requirement for Hertfordshire authorities to provide a single response within the timeframe to MHCLG

5. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 5.1. None

Legal Implications

- 5.2 The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.