

## Appendix A

### Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee on 14 January 2025 concerning the Governance changes to address the increase in Urgent Key Decisions. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

<b><i>Recommendation</i></b>	<b><i>Agree?</i></b>	<b><i>Comment</i></b>
1) That Cabinet supports the continued implementation and embedding of the actions proposed to mitigate the increased number of Urgent Key Decisions taken.	Yes	The Scrutiny Committees consideration and recommendations concerning the report on governance is welcome. This recommendation is to support the paper which obviously we will do.
2) That Officers ensure an end-of-year report is submitted to the Scrutiny Committee, reporting the number and nature of urgent key decisions taken, including data to track trends and evaluate distinctions between capacity-related and unavoidable issues.	Yes	The report on urgent key decisions will be reported on at the end of each municipal year (Scrutiny Committee in April) and the Head of Law and Governance will continue to ensure that only those unavoidable urgent key decisions are brought forward. The proposals in the paper will be implemented as set out and a progress will be provided in the Annual Governance Statement to Audit and Governance in the next municipal year. In addition, we will continue to keep it under review and adapt and add to the proposals as needed to ensure that we are continually strengthening our governance arrangements concerning the use of Urgent Key decisions.

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