

## Scrutiny Panel

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Title	Decision Taken Under Special Urgency Provisions		
Wards affected	Not applicable		

This report gives details of a portfolio holder report which was taken in accordance with the special urgency provisions.

### 1. Decisions Required

- 1.1 The Panel is requested to note the details of a report taken by a portfolio holder in accordance with the Special Urgency Provisions.

### 2. Alternative options

- 2.1 This function forms part of the Panel's Procedure Rules and, as such, no alternative options are presented.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules provide for the arrangement whereby decisions taken by the Cabinet or by individual portfolio holders are subject to call-in and an opportunity for scrutiny prior to implementation.
- 3.2 The Rules do, however, provide for circumstances whereby the call-in procedure will not apply where the decision being taken is deemed to be urgent (that is if any delay likely to be caused by the Call-In procedure would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council or the decision relates to the commencement of a statutory consultation process). This is known as the Special Urgency Provision.
- 3.3 In these circumstances the Monitoring Officer and the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel are required to certify the immediate implementation of the decision and that the call-in procedure shall not apply. In addition details of the decision are required to be reported to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Panel for information.

### 4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The following decision was recently taken in accordance with the Special Urgency Provision outlined above:

Report Title:

Essex Business Rates Pool

Decision Taken:

- (i) The Council agrees to join the Essex pool for business rates.
- (ii) The Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business and Resources are authorised to finalise the specific pooling arrangements together with any necessary documentation.

Reason for Urgency:

Any expressions of interest for new pooling arrangements need to be submitted to DCLG by 31 October 2014

Link to decision: <http://colchester.cmis.uk.com/colchester/Decisions.aspx>

**5. Standard References**

- 5.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan, publicity or consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.