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## **Report of Urgent Action**

- 1** Under regulation 19 of the The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 the County Council is required to receive a report from the Leader on any decisions taken under regulation 11. These are key decisions which were not in the Forward Plan and which needed to be taken with less than five clear days' notice. Such urgent decisions can only be taken with the agreement of the relevant Select Committee Chairman. Key decisions taken with less than five clear days' notice which are in the Forward Plan are reported via the Executive Decision Database.
- 2** Such action is avoided wherever possible as it circumvents the normal mechanism for publication of decisions and ensuring that members have the opportunity to comment before decisions are taken.
- 3** However, on occasions this is not possible and the County Council is asked to note the following decision which has been taken by the Director of Law and Assurance with the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure and the Chairman of the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee.

### **Highway Maintenance Term Contract**

- 4** The Director of Law and Assurance has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 5.23 to approve the abandonment of the procurement process for a new highways maintenance term contract and to agree that there will be no award of a contract in connection with that process. Authority has been delegated to the Director of Highways and Transport to make such arrangements as may be needed to secure the continued provision of a highways maintenance service whilst requirements and proposals for the future of the service are settled, that is up to April 2019, but with such provision for extension as may be advised.
- 5** The reason for urgency was due to legal and technical issues with the Highways Maintenance Term Contract.

Exempt: paragraph 3, Financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority)

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Leader

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