

**To the Chair and Members of the  
COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL  
URGENCY PROVISIONS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The law requires those key decisions that can be implemented immediately without a call-in period, to be reported to Council. Council agreed on 18th October, 2012, for such reports to be presented on an annual basis. This report outlines such decisions taken between the period 3rd March, 2015 and 22nd February, 2016.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. Council is asked to note the content of this report.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER**

3. The Council is committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance and ensuring that the decision making process is open and transparent. By reporting the key decisions taken under 'Special Urgency' provisions over the past year, the Council is ensuring the public are well informed with regard to the democratic processes undertaken.

**BACKGROUND**

4. At its meeting on 18th October, 2012, Council agreed in the light of the new Access to Information Regulations, to report to Council on an annual basis, decisions taken using Special Urgency provisions provided for in legislation and reflected in the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution. Prior to the changes in the Access to Information Regulations, the Mayor was required to report such decisions to Council on a quarterly basis. This report reflects decisions taken up to 22nd February, 2016, to coincide with the production of this report. Any decisions taken between this date and the Council meeting will be reported orally at the meeting.
5. Set out below is the decision taken that falls into this category:-
  - (a) DECC Central Heating Fund (Decision Reference No. S0356)

The decision was taken by the Mayor, Ros Jones in agreement with Councillor John Mounsey, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. A copy of the Decision Record was circulated to all Members of the Council on 11th September, 2015.

## **OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

6. This report is for noting only and therefore, no options were considered.

## **IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES**

7.

Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.	By publicly reporting all key decisions taken under special urgency procedures, the Council is ensuring that its governance arrangements are open, transparent and in accordance with statutory requirements.
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## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

8. There are no risks and assumptions associated with this report.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. These are set out at paragraph 4 of this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

11. There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

## **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

12. There are no technology implications associated with this report.

## **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

13. There are no specific equality issues associated with this report

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Special Urgency Key Decision (Rule 16) Report and Executive Decision Record:-

- DECC Central Heating Fund (Decision Reference No. S0356)

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