CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION	PART 1 (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
Proposed Decision Maker (please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)		Date for Decision
Leader's Decision		21/01/2020
Title:		
High Needs Block		

Summary of matter

At Cabinet on 16th December it was agreed that:

'as a precautionary measure that the Council continues at this stage with the disapplication application to move 0.5% of Dedicated Schools Grant from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block until the Leader in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Education makes a final, decision whether to continue or withdraw the disapplication application should anticipated changes in financial regulations still make this relevant.'

There remains an expected overspend of £6.398m in the High Needs Block in 2020/21. Following consultation, Schools Forum considered the proposal to move 0.5% (£1.748m) of the Schools Block to the High Needs Block. This could be achieved without affecting indicative school budgets under the national funding formula. The proposal was rejected.

The local authority can request that Secretary of State for Education intervenes on this matter by submitting a 'disapplication.'

Proposed Decision

That the Leader approves the submission of the 'disapplication' application to the Secretary of State for Education to move 0.5% of Dedicated Schools Grant from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

Reasons for urgency

Schools Forum considered the outcome of the consultation on 16th January.

Cabinet needs to agree the school's indicative budgets by 30 January 2020.

Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision]

No

PART 2 (to be completed by the person giving consent)

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Date consent is given		20-01-2020