

Meeting:	Council
Date:	21 April 2005
Subject:	Decisions taken under Urgency Procedure by Portfolio Holders/Leader and Cabinet and Use of Special Urgency Procedure
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Portfolio Holder:	Strategic Overview and External Affairs/Leader of the Council
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Public (Part I)

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

1.1 That the urgent decisions taken by the Portfolio Holders and the Leader, as set out at Appendix A to the report, be noted.

REASON: These decisions were regarded as urgent for the reasons set out in Appendix A of this report.

1.2 That the use of the Urgency Procedure in relation to the following reports to Cabinet, detailed in Appendix A, be noted:-

- Determination of Admission Arrangements for the 2006/7 academic year
- Grant of Right of Way for New Pinn Medical Centre

REASON: In accordance with paragraph 23.6 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council together with the reasons for urgency.

1.3 That the use of the Special Urgency Procedure, detailed in Appendix B of the report, in relation to the following report to Cabinet be noted:-

Supporting People Strategy (Key Decision)

REASON: Cabinet are to consider the above report and subsequently make resolutions on 14 April 2005. In accordance with paragraph 17.3 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules there is a requirement to report the use of the Special Urgency procedure to Council.

Reason for report

To provide a summary of the urgent decisions taken by the Portfolio Holders, the Leader and Cabinet and the use of the special urgency procedure since the 24 February 2005 meeting of the Council, as required by the Constitution.

Benefits

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/Cabinet.

Cost of Proposals

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/Cabinet.

Risks

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/Cabinet.

Implications if recommendations rejected

This report is for noting only.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, any decisions taken as a matter of urgency are required to be reported to the next available meeting of the Council.

This report sets out the details of those decisions taken as a matter of urgency since the Council meeting held on 24 February 2005.

In addition, in accordance with paragraph 17.3 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, there is also a requirement to report the use of the Special Urgency procedure to Council. The decision in relation to the Supporting People Strategy, to be considered by Cabinet on 14 April 2005, required the use of the special urgency procedure.

2.2 Options considered

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder and reports to Cabinet.

2.3 Consultation

Where appropriate, Ward Councillors, outside organisations and interested parties were consulted on individual reports considered by the Portfolio Holders.

Where decisions were deemed to be urgent the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or, in her absence, the Mayor was sought and obtained that the decision would not be subject to the call-in procedure.

2.4 Financial Implications

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet.

2.5 Legal Implications

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet.

2.6 Equalities Impact

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet.

Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents

Supporting Information

Appendix A

Appendix B

Background Documents

Officer Reports considered by the Portfolio Holder and Cabinet

Portfolio Holder Decision Notices

Council's Constitution

Any persons wishing to inspect the background papers should telephone 020 8424 1881.

The officer report considered by Cabinet in respect of the item listed below is exempt from inspection by the public on the grounds that it contains confidential information under the specified paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Subject	Paragraph
Grant of Right of Way for New Pinn Medical Centre	Exempt by virtue of paragraphs 7 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

APPENDIX A

Urgent Decisions

Portfolio Holders and the Leader have taken the following urgent decisions since Council on 24 February 2005: -

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader)	Reason for Urgency
Safer Routes to Earlsmead School (Ref: PHD 080/04)	Environment and Transport	Failure to implement the scheme in 2004/05 could result in the loss of Transport for London funding.

Cabinet has taken the following urgent decisions since Council on 24 February 2005.

Subject	Decision Maker	Reason for Urgency
Determination of Admission Arrangements for the 2006/7 academic year	Cabinet	There is a statutory requirement under the School Standards and Framework Act 1988 for admission authorities to determine admission arrangements by 15 April in the determination year (ie by 15 April 2005).
Grant of Right of Way	Cabinet	In order to secure funding for the development which may otherwise be lost.

Special Urgency (Key) Decisions

The Forward Plan of Key decisions covers a period of four months, beginning with the first day of any month and is published at least 14 days before the start of the period covered. If a matter that is likely to be a key decision has not been included in the Forward Plan and Rule 15 (General Exception) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules cannot be followed, the decision can only be taken if the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.

Cabinet will take the following decision under paragraph 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules on 14 April 2005. The reason for the key decision to made on the 14 April 2005 is set out below:-

Report Title	Special Circumstances/Grounds for Urgency	Reason for Decision
Supporting People Strategy	The ODPM had extended the deadline for submission of the Strategy from 1 April 2005 and therefore the consideration of this key decision could not wait until it had been included in the May Forward Plan.	The Strategy would guide the work of the Supporting People Team in the coming five years and support the Council's Corporate objectives.