

REPORT FOR: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting:	14 November 2013
Subject:	DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE - COUNCIL
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart – Director of Legal and Governance Services
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

In accordance with the delegations to Chief Officers, the Leaders of each of the Political Groups on the Council were consulted on the following urgent decisions, which were approved on behalf of the Council, as they required action prior to this meeting:

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Following resignations, appointments to Outside Bodies of the Council were agreed as follows:

Harrow Association of Disabled People – Councillor Simon Williams

West London Waste Authority – Councillor Susan Hall

These appointments were agreed as matters of urgency provide to ensure continuing Council representation on these bodies at the earliest opportunity.

Scrap Metal Dealers Licence

It was agreed that the fees as set out in Section 5 of the report in respect of Scrap Metal Dealers Licence be approved i.e. For a scrap metal dealers site licence/renewal the fee is £ 650 and for a collector the fee is £ 250.

The reasons for urgency were that a Commencement Order was made on 6 August 2013 bringing into force relevant aspects of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. In relation to

the power to set fees, this came into force on 1 September 2013. Applications for licences could be received from 1 October, therefore local authorities had to set their fees between 1 September and 1 October 2013 and in reality in advance of the 1 October 2013 in order to give advance notice to operators.

If a decision was not taken by 1 October, the Council would not legally be able to charge a fee for any new licence application received until the fees are subsequently set by full Council. This may have caused an influx of applications resulting in a loss of income to the Council.

Health and Wellbeing Board

It was agreed that Councillor Susan Hall replace Councillor Zarina Khalid as a Councillor representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board. It was also agreed that Councillor Susan Hall be appointed as Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The membership rules of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as contained in the Board's Terms of Reference, stated that the Chair of the Board was nominated by the Leader of the Council. Additionally it stated that 4 Members of Council on the Board were also nominated by the Leader.

The reason for urgency was because the next ordinary meeting of the Council was scheduled for 14 November 2013 and it was necessary to ensure memberships of the Council's Member level bodies were up to date at the earliest opportunity. In addition to this a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board was scheduled for 3rd October 2013.

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