

REPORT FOR: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 27 February 2014

Subject: **Decisions taken under Urgency Procedure by Portfolio Holders, Leader and Deputy Leader, and Use of Special Urgency Procedure**

Responsible Officer: Hugh Peart – Director of Legal and Governance Services

Exempt: No

Enclosures: Appendix A – Decisions taken as a matter of urgency

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out a decision taken under urgency procedure rules by Cabinet, the Leader and Portfolio Holders, and use of the special urgency procedure since the meeting of the Council on 14 November 2013.

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Section 2 – Report

In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 47.6 set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, any Executive decisions taken as a matter of urgency are reported to the next available meeting of the Council.

Appendix A sets out a decision taken as a matter of urgency since the Council meeting held on 14 November 2013.

In accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules and paragraph 19 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the use of the Special Urgency procedure in relation to Executive decisions is to be reported quarterly to Council.

The Special Urgency procedure has not been used since the Council meeting on 14 November 2013.

Section 3 – Further Information

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

Where decisions were deemed urgent, the agreement of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was obtained that the decision would not be subject to the call-in procedure.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

As per the individual reports to Cabinet, the Leader and Portfolio Holders.

Section 5 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Council's Constitution/Portfolio Holder Decision report/Cabinet agenda

APPENDIX A

Urgent Decisions

The following urgent decision has been made since Council on 8 November 2012:

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
School Expansion Programme – Publication of Statutory Proposals to Expand Elmgrove Primary School And Nursery	Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools	Harrow had received agreement from the Government to transfer to Elmgrove Primary School the funding that was allocated under the Government's Targeted Basic Need Programme to expand St Anselm's Catholic Primary School (it was too complex to deliver the St Anselm's project). To ensure that the Council was able to deliver the proposed additional school places within the timescale of the Targeted Basic Need Programme funding conditions, which required that the £2.01m funding must be expended by September 2015, statutory proposals to expand Elmgrove Primary School needed to be published as early as possible in February for Cabinet to be able to make the key decision to determine them at its meeting in April. The Portfolio Holder Decision was to consider the outcome of the statutory consultation, which ended on 28 January 2014, and to decide whether to publish statutory proposals to expand the school