

REPORT FOR: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 13 November 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 a Portfolio Holder, and use of the special urgency procedure since the meeting of the Council on 24 July 2014.

FOR INFORMATION

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 decisions taken as matters of urgency since the Council meeting held on 24 July 2014.

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 last Council meeting on 24 July 2014.

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 Mayor was obtained that the decision would not be subject to the call-in procedure.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

As per the individual report to the Portfolio Holder.

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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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 24 July 2014:

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder / Leader / Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
School Expansion Programme – Publication of Statutory Proposals to Expand Weald Infant and Nursery and Junior Schools	Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families – 24 October 2014	The statutory processes to decide whether the schools will combine and expand need to be completed as early as possible to enable the construction programme to be delivered. An urgent decision by the Portfolio Holder about whether to publish statutory proposals would enable statutory proposals to be published for 4 weeks immediately after half term on 3 November 2014, and the decision on amalgamation and expansion to be made by Cabinet in January 2015.