

**REPORT FOR: COUNCIL**

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**Date of Meeting:** 26 February 2015

**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 27 February 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 13 November 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 13 November 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 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.

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	<b>YES</b>
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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 decisions have been made since Council on 27 February 2014:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)</b>	<b>Reason for Urgency</b>
<b>Future Organisation of Whitchurch First School and Nursery and Whitchurch Junior School</b>	Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Families – 18 December 2014	<p>It is in the interests of both schools to have certainty about the future organisation of the schools at the earliest opportunity. Permanent headteacher arrangements need to be secured as soon as possible to ensure continuity of leadership to enhance education standards for the children in the longer term.</p> <p>A final decision about the future organisation of the schools could be achieved by February 2015 if an urgent Portfolio Holder decision is made about whether or not to publish statutory proposals. An urgent decision would enable arrangements to be made before Christmas for publication on the first day of term on 5 January 2015. The outcome could then be reported to February Cabinet for determination.</p>