

REPORT FOR: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 22 September 2016

Subject: **INFORMATION REPORT - Decisions taken under Urgency and Special Urgency Procedure**

Responsible Officer: Hugh Peart – Monitoring Officer

Exempt: No

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

Appendix B – Decisions taken as a matter of special urgency

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out details of decisions taken under the Urgency and Special Urgency procedure rules by the Leader of the Council since the meeting of the Council on 25 February 2016.

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Section 2 – Report

In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 46.6 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.

One decision has been taken as a matter of urgency since the Council meeting held on 25 February 2016, details of which are set out in Appendix A.

In accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 17) 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 been used twice since the last Council meeting on 25 February 2016, details of which are set out at Appendix B.

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 Chair 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.

Ward Councillors notified:	YES
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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

Decisions taken in accordance with the Urgency Procedure

The following urgent decisions have been made since Council on 25 February 2016:

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
Investment Portfolio Acquisition	Leader (PHD 007/16)	The Council was negotiating an investment purchase and the vendor required completion within a short timeframe. If the Council could not meet the vendor's timeframe the vendor may have re-marketed the site and the Council may have lost this investment opportunity.

APPENDIX B

Decisions taken in accordance with the Special Urgency Procedure

The following decisions have been made since Council on 25 February 2016:

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
The Bridge – Outcome of the Consultation and Decision on Future Provision	Leader (PHD 022/15)	<p>Special Urgency: Access to Information Procedure Rules and paragraph 19 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012</p> <p>Following an extensive consultation process, the uncertainty around the future use of The Bridge was causing considerable anxiety amongst current users. An immediate decision was required to alleviate this anxiety and it was not in the Council's interests to delay the decision.</p>
Investment Portfolio Acquisition	Leader (PHD 007/16)	<p>Special Urgency: Access to Information Procedure Rules and paragraph 19 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012</p> <p>The Council was negotiating an investment purchase and the vendor required completion within a short timeframe. If the Council could not meet the vendor's timeframe the vendor may have re-</p>

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