

REPORT FOR: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 28 September 2017

Subject: **Information Report - Decisions taken under the Urgency Procedure**

Responsible Officer: Hugh Peart – Monitoring Officer

Exempt: No

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

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out details of decisions taken under the Urgency procedure rules by the Executive since the meeting of the Council on 23 February 2017.

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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.

Two decisions have been taken as a matter of urgency since the Council meeting held on 23 February 2017, 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 not been used since the last ordinary Council.

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. The agreement of the Mayor was sought in relation to the Portfolio Holder decision.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

As per the report to Cabinet and the Portfolio Holder.

Section 5 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

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

APPENDIX A

Decisions taken in accordance with the Urgency Procedure

The following urgent decision had been made since Council on 23 February 2017:

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
Delegation of function to allow Harrow Council to assist with the management of a dangerous structure	Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution	After the devastating fire at Grenfell Tower, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea had asked other boroughs to urgently assist them. Harrow Council had been asked to assist with the assessment of the building and this work was urgent.
Assets Acquisition – Building a Better Harrow	Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning & Regeneration	As the Council needed to proceed with the acquisition of the lease prior to 1 September 2017