

Meeting:	Council
Date:	23 February 2006
Subject:	Decisions taken under Urgency Procedure by Portfolio Holders/Leader and Cabinet and Use of Special Urgency Procedure
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Portfolio Holder:	Strategic Overview and External Affairs/Leader of the Council
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Public (Part I)

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

1.1 That the urgent decisions taken by the Portfolio Holders and the Leader, as set out at Appendix A to the report, be noted.

REASON: These decisions were regarded as urgent for the reasons set out in Appendix A of this report.

1.2 That the use of the Urgency Procedure in relation to the following reports to Cabinet, detailed in Appendix A, be noted:-

Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement

Annual Monitoring Report 2004-05

REASON: In accordance with paragraph 23.6 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to

the next available meeting of the Council together with the reasons for urgency.

Reason for report

To provide a summary of the urgent decisions taken by the Portfolio Holders, the Leader and Cabinet and the use of the special urgency procedure since the 20 October 2005 meeting of the Council, as required by the Constitution.

Benefits

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/Cabinet.

Cost of Proposals

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/Cabinet.

Risks

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/Cabinet.

Implications if recommendations rejected

This report is for noting only.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, any Executive decisions taken as a matter of urgency are to be reported to the next available meeting of the Council.

This report sets out the details of those decisions taken as a matter of urgency since the Council meeting held on 20 October 2005.

2.2 Options considered

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder and reports to Cabinet.

2.3 Consultation

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

Where decisions were deemed to be urgent the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or, in her absence, the Mayor was sought and obtained that the decision would not be subject to the call-in procedure.

2.4 Financial Implications

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet.

2.5 Legal Implications

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet.

2.6 Equalities Impact

As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet.

Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents

Supporting Information

Appendix A

Background Documents

Officer Reports considered by the Portfolio Holder and Cabinet
Portfolio Holder Decision Notices
Council's Constitution

Any persons wishing to inspect the background papers should telephone 020 8424 1881.

The officer report considered by the relevant Portfolio Holder or Cabinet in respect of the item listed below is exempt from inspection by the public on the grounds that it contains confidential information under the specified paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Subject	Paragraph(s)
Gordon Court, Stonegrove, Edgware (PHD 040/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Release of Restrictive Covenant, 2 Newton Farm Cottages, Rayners Lane (PHD 051/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Arts Culture Harrow (PHD 057/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Proposal to settle Employment Tribunal Proceedings (PHD 058/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Judicial Review of a decision to refuse	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local

interim accommodation (PHD 059/05)	Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Appeal to the Crown Court against an Emergency Prohibition Order made by Harrow Magistrates Court (PHD 060/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Access Site to Network Rail Signal Mast (PHD 062/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Home Adaptations for a Severely Disabled Young Person (PHD 068/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Proposal to settle Employment Tribunal Proceedings (PHD 071/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
Application to the High Court by the Council for an injunction pursuant to EPA 1990 to restrain a resident from feeding birds (PHD 078/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

APPENDIX A

Urgent Decisions

Portfolio Holders and the Leader have taken the following urgent decisions since Council on 20 October 2005: -

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader)	Reason for Urgency
Gordon Court, Stonegrove, Edgware (Ref: PHD 040/05)	Leader	In order to allow the housing association to purchase the freehold within a fixed time limit.
Release of Restrictive Covenant, 2 Newton Farm Cottages, Rayners Lane (Ref: PHD 051/05)	Planning, Development and Housing	To enable redeveloped property to be sold in the open market.
Signing off the West London and Harrow Responses to the SRDF (Ref: PHD 056/05)	Strategic Overview and External Affairs	To meet the West London Partnership deadline of 25 October 2005.
Arts Culture Harrow (Ref: 057/05)	Education and Lifelong Learning	To enable Arts Culture Harrow to pay staff salaries.
Proposals to settle Employment Tribunal Proceedings (Ref: PHD 058/05)	Leader	To ensure that the Council does not incur further legal costs.
Judicial Review of a decision to refuse interim accommodation (Ref: PHD 059/05)	Strategic Overview and External Affairs	To enable the Council to defend an imminent Judicial Review.
Appeal to the Crown Court against an Emergency Prohibition Order made by Harrow Magistrates Court (Ref: PHD 060/05)	Strategic Overview and External Affairs	To enable the Council to defend an appeal which was to be heard week commencing 7 November.
Access Site to Network Rail Signal Mast (Ref: PHD 062/05)	Planning, Development and Housing	To enable Network Rail to upgrade and maintain the signal and communications system on the West Coast Main Line. The upgraded system should lead to a

		general improvement in rail transport on this line.
Responses to the Initial Consultation on Draft Access for All Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and its Accompanying Sustainability Appraisal (Ref: PHD 064/05)	Planning, Development and Housing	To enable notice of the public consultation to be given in order for the public consultation period to commence on 18 November 2005.
Home Adaptations for a Severely Disabled Young Person (Ref: PHD 068/05)	Strategic Overview and External Affairs	To enable the instruction of the contractor and commencement of work within the timescale of the planning permission, which expires on 4 January 2006.
Proposal to settle Employment Tribunal Proceedings (Ref: PHD 071/05)	Strategic Overview and External Affairs	In order to facilitate settlement via ACAS and withdrawal of Employment Tribunal claim.
Application to the High Court by the Council for an injunction pursuant to EPA 1990 to restrain a resident from feeding birds (Ref: PHD 078/05)	Strategic Overview and External Affairs	In order to submit the Council's application for the injunction to the High Court very shortly.
Implementing Electronic Government Return 2005 (IEGS) (Ref: PHD 079/05)	Business Connections and Performance	To allow the report to be submitted to the ODPM on 19 December 2005.
One Year Race Equality Scheme June 2005 – May 2006 (Ref: PHD 080/05)	Communications, Partnership and Human Resources	To enable publication of the 2005/06 RES.

Cabinet has taken the following urgent decisions since Council on 20 October 2005.

Subject	Decision Maker	Reason for Urgency
Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement	Cabinet – 10 November 2005	The six week consultation period would run from 18 November – 30 December 2005

Annual Monitoring Report 2004-05	Cabinet – 15 December 2005	The deadline for the report's submission to the Government Office for London was 30 December 2006