

Meeting:	Council
Date:	27 April 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 To note that use of the Urgency Procedure was not exercised in relation to the reports to Cabinet since the 23 February 2006 Council meeting.

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 23 February 2006 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 23 February 2006.

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 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 reports considered by the relevant Portfolio Holder or Cabinet in respect of the items listed below are exempt from inspection by the public on the grounds that they contain confidential information under the specified paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Subject	Paragraph(s)
Grant of Lease for Centenary Park Pavilion, Canons Park Lodge and Flat 155 Uxbridge Road (PHD 092/05)	Exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
Provision of a loan to the Harrow Weald Common Conservators (HWCC) (PHD 093/05)	The officer report is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
Award of Contract for Banking Services (PHD 101/05)	Exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Award of Contract for Debit and
Credit Card Services
(PHD 102/05)

Exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Review of fee rates for older
people in residential and nursing
care placed under spot contracts
from 1 April 2006 until 31 March
2007
(PHD 105/05)

Exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the Council.

APPENDIX A

Urgent Decisions

Portfolio Holders and the Leader have taken the following urgent decisions since Council on 23 February 2006: -

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader)	Reason for Urgency
Replacement Weighbridge at the Civic Amenity Site (Ref: PHD 083/05)	Environment and Transport	The bridge had deteriorated faster than anticipated and required replacement at that time in order to protect income streams and to ensure that operational capacity was maintained.
ODPM Consultation Paper (Ref: PHD 086/05)	Strategic Overview and External Affairs	To enable the deadline for the response to be met.
Street Lighting: Bid for Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Funding Expression of Interest (EOI) to Department for Transport (DfT) (Ref: PHD 087/05)	Leader	To meet the deadline for submission of the EOI.
LMS Formula Changes and Schools' Budget 2006/07 and 2007/08 – Delegated Decision (Ref: 090/05)	Education and Lifelong Learning	To advise schools of their budgets for 2006-07 in time to enable their preparation for next year.
Grant of Lease for Centenary Park Pavilion, Canons Park Lodge and Flat 155 Uxbridge Road (Ref: PHD 092/05)	Leader	To enable Safer Neighbourhood locations to be in place by 31 March 2006.
Provision of a loan to the Harrow Weald Common Conservators (HWCC) (Ref: PHD 093/05)	Leader	To enable HWCC to meet their commitments.

Pool Promoters Registration (Ref: PHD 099/05)	Environment and Transport	To enable the Council to meet the needs of a key local business and to enable their application to be made and considered as soon as reasonably practicable. To avoid the potential for negative impact on their business and potential challenge to the Council.
Affordable Housing SPD (Ref: PHD 100/05)	Planning, Development and Housing	To enable the document to be placed on four week statutory public consultation from 2 March 2006.
Award of Contract for Banking Services (Ref: PHD 101/05)	Leader	In order to allow the ten-day statutory period between notifying bidders of the proposed award and entering into a contract so as to enable the contract to commence from 1 April 2006.
Award of Contract for Debit and Credit Card Services (Ref: PHD 102/05)	Leader	In order to allow the ten-day statutory period between notifying bidders of the proposed award and entering into a contract so as to enable the contract to commence from 1 April 2006.
Capital Budget Virements – February 2006 (Ref: PHD 103/05)	Business Connections and Performance	In order to provide sound management of the Capital Programme in the implementation of the Council's Corporate Priorities and to ensure a robust and transparent budget process.

<p>Review of fee rates for older people in residential and nursing care placed under spot contracts from 1 April 2006 until 31 March 2007 (Ref: PHD 105/05)</p>	<p>Leader</p>	<p>In order to apply the fee rates with effect from 1 April 2006.</p>
<p>Street Collection Applications for 2006 (Ref: PHD 112/05)</p>	<p>Communications, Partnership and Human Resources</p>	<p>In order to allow the Barts and the London Students' Association to hold a street collection on 8 May 2006 during their 'Rag Week' and to allow them to apply for a permit after the Council had agreed to sponsor their application.</p>