

Cabinet/Committee:	Council
Date:	22 February 2007
Subject:	Decisions taken under Urgency Procedure by Portfolio Holders/Leader and Cabinet and Use of Special Urgency Procedure
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart - Director of Legal and Governance Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Chris Mote - Strategic Overview and External Affairs Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY

This report sets out decisions taken under urgency procedure rules by Portfolio Holders/the Leader and Cabinet, and use of the special urgency procedure.

FOR INFORMATION

SECTION 2 – REPORT

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.

Appendix A sets out the details of those decisions taken as a matter of urgency since the Council meeting held on 19 October 2006.

In accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 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 once since the Council meeting held on 19 October 2006, in relation to the key decision on Building Schools for the Future – One-School Pathfinder taken by the Leader at the Portfolio Holder Decision Meeting on 30 November 2006.

SECTION 3 – FURTHER INFORMATION

Options considered

As per the individual reports to the Leader, Portfolio Holder and Cabinet.

Consultation

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

Where decisions were deemed 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.

Financial Implications/Legal Implications/Equalities Impact/ Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 considerations

As per the individual reports to the Leader, Portfolio Holder and Cabinet.

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

Contact: Daksha Ghelani, Democratic Services Officer, on 020 8424 1881. The Council's Constitution, the Cabinet Minutes as well as all public reports and decision notices are available through the 'Council and Democracy' Page at www.harrow.gov.uk

Background Papers:

Council's Constitution/Individual PH Reports and Decision Notices/Cabinet Minutes

The officer reports considered by the Portfolio Holder / Leader 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 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Paragraph

Settlement of an
Employment
Tribunal Case
(PHD 049/06)

Exempt - The officer report is exempt by virtue of paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contained information that a) related to and would reveal the identity of an individual and b) related to negotiations in connection with a labour relations matter arising between the authority and an employee.

Business
Transformation
Partnership (BTP)
Deed of Variation
(PHD 071/06)

Exempt - The officer report is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that the information relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

APPENDIX A

Urgent Decisions

The following urgent decisions have been taken since Council on 19 October 2007: -

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
8 Carlton Road (PHD 043/06)	Leader	To enable the sale to be completed on 29 November 2006.
Building Schools for the Future – One-School Pathfinder (PHD 044/06) Key	Leader (30 November 2006 - Portfolio Holder Decision Meeting) – special urgency procedure	To enable submission of the detailed proposal in relation to the school selected for Harrow's One-School Pathfinder (OSP) project to be submitted by 30 November 2006.
Settlement of an Employment Tribunal Case (PHD 049/06)	Strategic Overview, External Affairs and Property Portfolio Holder	In order to meet a deadline of 15 December 2006.
Harrow Council Draft Disability Equality Scheme 2006-07 (PHD 057/06)	Community Development Portfolio Holder	In order to meet the statutory requirement for all local authorities to have a scheme in place by 4 December 2006.
Harrow on the Hill Conservation Area (CA) – Confirmation of Article 4(2) Direction (PHD 066/06)	Planning, Development and Enterprise Portfolio Holder	The Article 4(2) Direction needed to be confirmed by 8 February 2007 otherwise the character of the Conservation Area would be at risk.
Business Transformation Partnership (BTP) Deed of Variation (PHD 071/06)	Leader	To agree the Deed of Variation with Capita on 9 February 2007 in order to meet the budgetary requirements.
Appointment to Cabinet Advisory Panels and Consultative Forums	Cabinet - 9 November 2006	As the bodies were meeting soon thereafter and to clarify to Members that they were a Member of the body with

and membership of the Business Transformation Project Partnership Board		immediate effect.
Draft further alterations to the London Plan (Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London)	Cabinet – 14 December 2006	In order to adhere to the deadline for submissions to the Greater London Authority of 22 December 2006.
Scrutiny Report on Children Looked After	Cabinet – 18 January 2007	To adhere to the deadline for the submission of the Council's response to the Green Paper of 15 January 2007.
Appointment to Cabinet Advisory Panels	Cabinet – 18 January 2007	As the bodies were meeting soon thereafter and to clarify to Members that they were a Member of the body with immediate effect.