

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	Council
Date:	23 October 2003
Subject:	Record of decisions taken under urgency by Portfolio Holders/Leader
Key decision:	No
Responsible Chief Officer:	Borough Solicitor
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Strategy and External Affairs
Status:	Public
Ward:	N/A
Enclosures:	None

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the Borough Solicitor is required to report any decisions taken as a matter of urgency to the next available meeting of the Council.
- 1.2 This reports sets out the details of those decisions taken as a matter of urgency since the Annual Council meeting held on 15 May 2003.

2. **Recommendations (for decision by Council)**

- 2.1 **That the urgent decisions detailed in paragraph 6 of this report taken by Portfolio Holders and the Leader be noted.**

REASON: These decisions were regarded as urgent for the reasons set out in paragraph 6 of this report.

3. **Consultation with Ward Councillors**

- 3.1 N/A

4. **Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)**

- 4.1 Council – 28 February 2002 – Approved the Council Constitution.
- 4.2 Extraordinary Council – 28 May 2002 - Approved the Role and Delegated Powers of Portfolio Holders

5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

5.1 N/A

6. **Background Information and options considered**

6.1 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the Borough Solicitor is required to report any decisions taken as a matter of urgency to the next available meeting of the Council.

6.2 The Call in procedure, which is set out in paragraph 22 of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules, shall not apply where the decision being taken by the Executive or Portfolio Holder is urgent. A decision may be regarded as urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

6.3 The following urgent decisions have been taken by Portfolio Holders/Leader since Annual Council on 15 May 2003:-

Subject	Portfolio Holder	Reason for urgency
Proposed Funfair in Byron Recreation Ground (Ref: 123/02)	Environment and Transport	To allow the Fun Fair organiser sufficient time to make the arrangements necessary for the event.
O v LBH (Ref: 125/02)	Strategy and External Affairs	To lodge the appeal forthwith.
Settlement of an Appeal in the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Ref: 002/03)	Strategy and External Affairs	To allow for the payment to be made by 23 June 2003, pursuant to a settlement agreement approved by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.
Authorisation to grant a lease on Elm Grove and Pinner Wood school houses for use as Harrow affordable key worker temporary rentals (Ref: 005/03)	Education and Lifelong Learning	Teachers on waiting list start work in Harrow from July 2003 onwards. Timing the start in July maximizes this as a teacher recruitment and retention incentive.
Education PFI (Special Schools) (Ref: 006/03) – Key (decision taken under special urgency procedure)	Leader	To allow officers to confirm negotiation positions with the contractor to continue progressing towards contract close at the end of July 2003.
Sudbury Hill Stations Area Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) (Ref: 014/03)	Environment and Transport	To enable officers to statutory advertise the proposals and co-ordinate implementation of the Scheme with the Brent CPZ. Failure to expedite this process could result in Brent CPZ being implemented in advance of the Harrow CPZ resulting in displacement of parking causing amenity, safety and congestion problems on Harrow's side of the border.

Subject	Portfolio Holder	Reason for urgency
Harrow Homelessness Strategy (Ref: 015/03)	Planning, Development, Housing and Best Value	To enable the strategy to be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister by the required deadline.
Authority to delegate the powers of Vehicle Emission Testing to the ALG (Ref: 020/03)	Leader (in the absence of the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder)	The Emissions Testing had already begun and the ALG required the participating authorities to agree to the execution of the order as a matter of urgency to allow roll out of the programme.
Woodlands, Kingsley and Little Stanmore Private Finance Initiative (PFI) – Council Indemnities (Ref: 022/03)	Leader	In order to reach financial close as the Woodlands/Kingsley PFI indemnities needed to be provided by the Council to the PFI Contractors and its Bankers.
Taking a sub-lease of a property in Hillingdon (Ref: 023/03)	Planning, Development, Housing and Best Value	The Council needed to lease the property in order to accommodate the ongoing tenant before the school term started. Any delay may have resulted in the landlord withdrawing from negotiations.
32 Harrow View (Ref: 024/03)	Partnership & Property	Funding for the project from the Housing Corporation was more than likely to be withdrawn if the sale was not legally completed by the middle to the end of September.
Free Hire of Harrow Civic Centre Rooms to Community Groups for Black History Month 2003 Events (Ref: 028/03)	Partnership & Property	A decision was needed before the commencement of the Black History Month on 1 October.

6.4 Records of these decisions have been circulated to all Members of the Council, Libraries and Press and have also been published on the website.

7. **Consultation**

7.1 In accordance with paragraph 23.3 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must agree that the decision proposed is reasonable in the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency.

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 As per the individual reports to the relevant Portfolio Holder.

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 None.

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 Members are requested to note those decisions that were taken by Portfolio Holders/Leader as a matter of urgency.

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 Portfolio Holder reports
Portfolio Holder Decision Notices
Council's Constitution

The Officers' reports 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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
O v LBH (Ref: 125/02)	Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 12 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972
Settlement of an Appeal in the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Ref: 002/03)	Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972
Education PFI (Special Schools) (Ref: 006/03)	Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 9 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972
Woodlands, Kingsley and Little Stanmore PFI – Council Indemnities (Ref: 022/03)	Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
Taking a sub-lease of a property in Hillingdon (Ref: 023/03)	Exempt by virtue of Paragraphs 4 & 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
32 Harrow View (Ref: 024/03)	Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

11.3 Any person wishing to inspect these background papers should telephone 020 8424 1881.

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