

Cabinet/Committee:	Council
Date:	26 April 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 22 February 2007.

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 22 February 2007, in relation to the Key decision relating to Consultation on possible changes to Adult Community Care Services, taken by the Leader at the Portfolio Holder Decision Meeting on 22 March 2007.

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: Kevin Unwin, Democratic Services Officer, on 020 8424 1265. 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

APPENDIX A

Urgent Decisions

The following urgent decisions have been taken since Council on 22 February 2007: -

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
Blue Bin Scheme (PHD 076/06)	Urban Living – Community Safety and Public Realm Portfolio Holder	To ensure subsequent phases of the scheme started on time, and would continue until completion in May 2007. Authority to proceed could not be delayed accordingly.
Consultation on possible changes to Adult Community Care Services (PHD 081/06)	Leader (22 March 2007 - Portfolio Holder Decision Meeting) – special urgency procedure	To respond to concerns expressed by a senior Councillor and to allow the planned consultation to proceed within timescale for report back to July 2007 Cabinet. Any delay would have resulted in reporting to September 2007 Cabinet with consequent financial impacts.
Organisational Structure	Cabinet – 15 February 2007	To enable the decisions to be implemented immediately in order to avoid significant impact on the delivery of the Council's Medium Term Budget Strategy.
Consultation on proposed changes to Adult Community Care Services – Spring 2007	Cabinet – 15 March 2007	To enable the 4-week consultation to commence by 26 March 2007
Local Development Scheme 2007 – Saved Policies	Cabinet – 15 March 2007	To meet the submission deadline of 1 April 2007 set by the Secretary of State.