

Cabinet/Committee:	Council
Date:	12 July 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 26 April 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 26 April 2007, in relation to the Key decision relating to Debt Repayment and Restructuring, taken by the Leader at the Portfolio Holder Decision Meeting on 4 May 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: Frouke de Vries, Democratic Services Officer, on 020 8424 1785.

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.

1 Grimsdyke Cottage,
Old Redding, Harrow
Weald
(PHD 001/07)

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

Senior Management
Structure
(PHD 003/07)

Public/Exempt (Appendix 2) - Appendix 2 is exempt by virtue of paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority and employees of, or office holders under the authority.

Breakspear House
Harefield, Hillingdon
(PHD 012/07)

Exempt -The officer report is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contains information relating to the financial and 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 26 April 2007: -

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
Debt Repayment and Restructuring (PHD 086/06) Key Decision	Leader (4 May 2007 – Portfolio Holder Decision Meeting) – special urgency procedure	To enable the Council to carry out debt repayment and restructuring in order to maximise savings.
1 Grimsdyke Cottage, Old Redding, Harrow Weald (PHD 001/07)	Leader	To ensure that the property was not squatted or vandalised.
Senior Management Structure (PHD 003/07)	Leader	To enable the Council to proceed with appointments to the new structure and effect the associated savings as soon as possible.
Draft Supplementary Planning Document for RAF Bentley Priory (PHD 009/07)	Leader	In order for a six-week public consultation period to be held before the start of the school holiday period, the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) had to go out to consultation by 18 June 2007 and end by 30 July 2007. It was vital that the public consultation process took place during the above period in order for the SPD to be revised during August and put forward for formal adoption in September 2007.

<p>Local Development Scheme 2007 Saved Policies – Mayor’s Representations (PHD 010/07) Key Decision</p>	<p>Leader (12 June 2007 - Portfolio Holder Decision Meeting)</p>	<p>To enable the Council to send the decision to the Government Office for London soon after their deadline.</p>
<p>Breakspear House Harefield, Hillingdon (PHD 012/07)</p>	<p>Leader</p>	<p>To enable completion by 29 June 2007.</p>
<p>Corporate Plan 2007-2010</p>	<p>Cabinet – 21 June 2007</p>	<p>To meet the statutory deadline for publication of the Best Value Performance Plan of 30 June 2007.</p>