

Cabinet/Committee:	Council
Date:	19 February 2009
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 David Ashton - Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnership and Finance
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A - Decisions taken as a matter of urgency

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 since the last meeting of the Council.

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 30 October 2008.

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.

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 his 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: Damian Markland, 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 Portfolio Holder Reports and Decision Notices/Cabinet Minutes

The officer report considered by the Leader in respect of the item listed below was exempt from inspection by the public by virtue of paragraph 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as it contained information in respect of which a claim for legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

1	Distribution of Funds
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APPENDIX A

Urgent Decisions

The following urgent decisions have been taken since Council on 30 October 2008.

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/ Leader/ Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
Distribution of Funds	Leader	If the decision had been delayed there was a risk that the funds would not have been allocated in time for the proposed project. There was a legal duty for the Council to apply the funds to the project that most closely matched the purpose for which they were raised and, had the call in procedure been invoked, this would not have been possible.
Feedback from School Admission Arrangements Working Group	Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development	The consultation on school admission arrangements began on 8 December 2008. If the call in procedure had been invoked, this deadline would not have been met.
Waste Management Programme Approval	Portfolio Holder for Performance, Communication and Corporate Services	The project timescales demanded that the Council mobilise its implementation team, which involved local resourcing processes. It was necessary to waive the call in period in order to allow Capita to procure sub-contractors to ensure the prompt start and timely delivery of the promised benefits of the project.
West House Restoration - Further Capital Contribution and Lease Amendments	Portfolio Holder for Major Contracts and Property	To enable tenders to be accepted to enable phase 2 to be completed during 2009 and initial capital works completed within current financial year.
London Councils – London Borough Grants Scheme 2009/10	Cabinet – 15 January 2009	In order to adhere to the deadline for the submission of the Council's response to London Councils on the recommended level of London Councils Grants Committee Budget for 2009/10. The deadline was 16 January 2009.