

Cabinet/Committee:	Council
Date:	9 July 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 meeting of the Council on 19 February 2009.

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. There were no decisions taken as a matter of urgency to report to the Council meeting on 2 April 2009.

Appendix A sets out the details of those decisions taken as a matter of urgency since the Council meeting held on 19 February 2009.

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 not been used in relation to any Executive decision since the Council meeting on 19 February 2009.

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 Chairman 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 – Financial Implications

Name: Sheela Thakrar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 18 June 2009		

SECTION 5 – Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Miriam Wearing, Senior Democratic Services Officer, on 020 8424 1542. 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

APPENDIX A

Urgent Decisions

The following urgent decisions have been taken since 19 February 2009.

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/ Leader/ Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
Final figure to be notified to the Department of Health in respect of the transfer of responsibility for commissioning social care services for people with a learning disability from the NHS to the Council.	Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing.	To enable the Council to meet the Department of Health requirement that the agreed amount to transfer should be submitted to the Department of Health by 31 st March 2009.
Extension of Housing Advice Contract with the Citizens Advice Bureau	Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing.	The contract ended on 31 st March 2009, and a decision had just been reached to offer a short extension.
Establishment of Cabinet Committees, Advisory Panels and Consultative Forums and Appointment of Chairmen.	Cabinet 14 May 2009.	To enable the Cabinet bodies to be established and meet with immediate effect.
Amendment to Cabinet Panel Memberships.	Cabinet 18 June 2009	To enable the changes to be implemented with immediate effect.