

REPORT FOR: **COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: 15 April 2010

Subject: **Decisions taken under Urgency Procedure by Cabinet and Portfolio Holders**

Responsible Officer: Hugh Peart – Director of Legal and Governance Services

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 Cabinet and Portfolio Holder(s) since the meeting of the Council on 18 February 2010.

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 18 February 2010.

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 since the Council meeting on 18 February 2010.

Section 3 – Further Information

Options considered

As per the individual reports to the Cabinet and Portfolio Holder.

Consultation

Where appropriate, Ward Councillors, outside organisations and interested parties were consulted on individual reports considered by the Cabinet and Portfolio Holder(s).

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.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

As per the individual reports to the Cabinet and Portfolio Holder(s).

Section 5 – Corporate Priorities

As per the individual reports to the Cabinet and Portfolio Holder(s).

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on behalf of the
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 6 April 2010

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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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 Council on 18 February 2010:-

Subject	Decision Maker (Portfolio Holder/Leader/Cabinet)	Reason for Urgency
Mill Farm Close Regeneration Proposal	Cabinet Meeting 18 March 2010	Failure to enter into a binding contract by 31 March 2010 might have jeopardised funding from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for the regeneration proposal.
Budget Update	Cabinet Meeting 18 March 2010	Delay in authorising the expenditure would have significantly affected implementation. In the case of highways repairs, it would have extended the period in which there was a safety risk. In the case of the transformation programme, it would have delayed the realisation of benefits.
Grant Funding 2010/11	Cabinet Meeting 18 March 2010	To enable grant agreements to be put in place by 1 April 2010. To allow for the distribution of the grants in a timely manner to the voluntary and community sector from April 2010 so that organisations could deliver services within the community without delay.

<p>Whittlesea Lodge, Shaftesbury High School, Headstone Lane, Harrow</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, 1 April 2010</p>	<p>To meet timescales to enable the existing build to be removed from the Shaftesbury School site and for new build to be erected and completed thereby allowing the school sufficient time to set up the new facility ready for use. As a result, contractors needed to commence work with immediate effect.</p>
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