

Report to Council

29 JUNE 2011

LEADER

*Councillor Stephen
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**SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS –
MONITORING REPORT**

The attached report presents details of decisions taken by the Leader or Cabinet Members under the special urgency provisions of the Constitution (very urgent decision not in the Forward Plan). The report covers the period 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011.

WARDS

All

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the report be noted.

1. SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 1.1. Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution allows for specially urgent key decisions which are not in the Forward Plan to be taken without giving the prescribed public notice of five clear working days, provided the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman agrees that the decision cannot reasonably be deferred.
- 1.2. Rule 17.3 requires the Leader to submit reports to the Council on Executive decisions taken under Rule 16 during the preceding quarter. The reports must include the number of decisions so taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which those decisions are taken. There have been two Rule 16 decisions during the last quarter.

2. SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER IN THE PERIOD 31 JUNE 2010 TO 31 MAY 2011

Decision taken and date	Reason for urgency
Relocation of Cambridge School to Bryony Centre – 4 March 2011	The delivery plan for the relocation project needs to be in place by 9 March 2011 to enable the Council to formally respond to the WLFS consultation with its alternative proposal. A tender process would need to be commenced by "Urgent Decision" under delegated powers to enable the works required to deliver the co-location of Cambridge School with Phoenix High School on the Bryony site to be completed before the end of the summer term so Cambridge School can move to its new site by the end of term in preparation for a clean start at the beginning of the academic year 2011/12. This would allow a September 2011 start for both Cambridge School on the Bryony site and the WLFS on the Cambridge site.
Notting Hill Housing Group leased properties – 3 May 2011	The leases have all now expired (subject to possible statutory security of tenure in respect of Park Court) and technically Notting Hill Housing Group (NHHG) could serve notice on the Council requiring the return of the properties after which they could evict the Council's tenants. NHHG have agreed to take the properties back and give all current tenants NHHG assured tenancies, but they want the properties returned on 4 July 2011. Formal consultation therefore needs to commence with the tenants by the end of April 2011.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Documents	Name/ext. of holder of file/copy	Department
1	Council Constitution	David Viles Ext. 2063	Finance and Corporate Services, Legal and Democratic Services