

Report to Council

19 OCTOBER 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 to 30 September 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 three Rule 16 decisions during the last quarter.

2. SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER IN THE PERIOD 1 JUNE TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

Decision taken and date	Reason for urgency
Support for Department of Work & Pensions innovation fund bid and investment in new social investment partnership 5 August 2011	Resurgo, a HF based charity, invited senior officers and the Leader to a meeting with the Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) to discuss Resurgo's bid for DWP Innovation funding on 21 July 2011. At the meeting the DWP expressed support for a bid. Resurgo's bid seeks to address the disaffection and disadvantage of young people in the borough. The Council is keen to support the development of Resurgo's emerging social investment partnership and to offer loans to the partnership to stabilise cash flow needs as DWP funding will be awarded on a payments by results basis. The deadline for bids is 5 August 2011.
Barclay House – dilapidations claim 31 August 2011	The Council has been unable to reach an amicable settlement with the landlord and has been advised by its consultants to carry out the proposed works prior to the lease expiry date which is in four weeks time. It is estimated that the works themselves may take four weeks and it is therefore imperative that authority be granted as soon as possible.

<p>Repairs settlement relating to Notting Hill Housing Trust leased properties</p> <p>8 September 2011</p>	<p>On 3 May 2011, the Leader approved a report to effect the hand-back of leased properties to Notting Hill Housing Trust. However, the date of hand-back of the properties precluded the Council from carrying out the required repairs, primarily ensuring voids were in a fit condition for letting. On legal advice, a cash settlement of £100,000 in respect of outstanding repairs is due to Notting Hill Housing Trust as soon as possible.</p>
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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