



REPORT TO COUNCIL

28 OCTOBER 2009

LEADER
Councillor
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**SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS –
QUARTERLY REPORT**

WARDS
All

Summary

The attached report presents details of decisions taken by the Leader or Cabinet during the last quarter under the special urgency provisions of the Constitution (decision not in the Forward Plan). The covers the period 1st June to 30th September 2009.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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, 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.

2. SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER IN THE QUARTER JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2009

| No. | Decision taken and date | Reason for urgency |
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| 1 | Jack Tizard Special School: the construction of a hydrotherapy pool for disabled children – additional funding report 12 August 2009 | To enable building works to commence in August, containing the most disruptive aspects within the school holiday period and minimising disturbance to the school. Also to reduce costs and enable the work to be completed by Spring 2010. As the next available Cabinet Meeting was not until 7 September 2009, this would not have been achievable if the normal approval route had been followed. |
| 2 | Temporary stationery contract 13 August 2009 | The current London Contracts and Supply Group's framework arrangements, which cover all the boroughs, expired at the end of August 2009. The renewal of the framework contract had been delayed due to the new lead Borough (L.B. Camden) being unable to complete the project. The tender process is now being led by LB Havering and a new contract will be in place by 31 March 2010. LBHF is the lead authority for the current contract. Temporary arrangements were required pending award of the new agreement to enable all authorities to order stationary from the contract during this period. |

3. ITEM DECIDED AT CABINET WHICH WAS NOT IN THE FORWARD PLAN

3.1. The following item, which was not in the Forward Plan, was determined by the Cabinet on 7 September 2009. The item was processed under Rule 16 with the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman and public notice was given.

| Decision taken | Reason for urgency |
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| Local Development Plan Framework: : Local Development Scheme | The Council had already widely published its intention to report the conclusions on the LDF core strategy options and the proposed core strategy to full Council in October 2009. There was a need to take a formal decision to defer (i.e. revision of Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out the timetable) <u>before</u> then, which meant the decision on the revised timetable and LDS has to be formally taken in September ahead of publication of the October Council agenda. The report was not listed on the Forward Plan because the need to revise the LDS only arose upon receipt of advice from GLA over the summer. |

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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