

Item No. 10.1	Classification: Open	Date: 21st July 2004	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Report of the Special Urgency Provision	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council Assembly notes the schedule of Special Urgency decisions taken in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 20.1 (2), as set out in the appendix to this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The process for special urgency decisions is set out in Rule 20.1 (2), Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules which states:-

Special urgency – (Rule 16, Access to Information Procedure Rules) If by virtue of the date by which a decision must be taken under General Exception cannot be followed^{*1}, then the decision can only be taken if the decision taker (if an individual) or the Chair of the body making the decision, obtains the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred. If there is no Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, or if the Chair is unable to act, then the agreement of the Mayor of the Council, or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor, will suffice.

The decision will be subject to call-in.

3. The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, Part IV (2) requires local authorities to submit a report detailing each executive decision taken where the making of the decision was agreed as a special urgency decision.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Special Urgency Decisions	Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Nicole Mahoney 020 7525 7232

¹ * General Exceptions notice requires at least 5 clear days notice of decision.

AUDIT TRAIL

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No
Executive Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Support Services		

REPORT OF SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS

REPORT TITLE/DECISION	DATE AND MEMBER WHO AGREED TO SPECIAL URGENCY	REASON FOR URGENCY	DATE AGREED BY EXECUTIVE
Paris Gardens and Hatfield – Colombo Community and Sports Centre Lease	30.6.03 Councillor Kim Humphreys	Lambeth Council were due to consider this issue on 14 th July 2003 and required Southwark's response prior to that date.	7.7.03
Possible Termination of Contract with WS Atkins	7.7.03 Councillor Kim Humphreys	The Education Service was subject to ongoing negotiations following a request from WS Atkins to terminate their contract for provision of Education support services by 31 st July 2003.	7.7.03
Recommendation to Award Contract for Review of Education Services in Southwark	7.7.03 Councillor Kim Humphreys	The recommendation to award the contract for review of Education Services in Southwark could not be taken until a decision had been made on the termination of WS Atkins contract.	7.7.03

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Policy and Resources 2004/05	25.11.03 Councillor Kim Humphreys	A decision needed to be taken in order to allow officer the opportunity to advise Members on the implications for the 2004/05 budget.	25.11.03
London Borough Grants Scheme 2004/05	12.1.04 Councillor Kim Humphreys	The Association of London Government required a response by 16 th January 2004.	13.1.04
Galleywall School – Options for the Future	12.1.04 Councillor Kim Humphreys	In order that public consultation could commence on options for the future of Galleywall School.	13.1.04
Asbestos Compliance Programme – Variation to Existing Corporate Asbestos Surveying Contract	12.1.04 Councillor Kim Humphreys	In order to achieve an acceptable level of compliance by May 2004 as required by the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations' 2002.	13.1.04