

<b>Item No.</b> 7.5	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> July 20 2005	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Report of the special urgency provision	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor)	

### 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<sup>\*1</sup>, 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

<sup>1</sup> \* General Exceptions notice requires at least 5 clear days notice of decision.

## AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>Key Decision?</b>	No	
<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No
<b>Executive Member</b>	No	No
<b>Date final report sent to constitutional team</b>	5.7.05	

**REPORT OF SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS**

<b>REPORT TITLE/DECISION</b>	<b>DATE AND MEMBER WHO AGREED TO SPECIAL URGENCY</b>	<b>REASON FOR URGENCY</b>	<b>DATE AGREED BY DECISION MAKER</b>
Planned Maintenance Partnering Contract, Alfred Salter Neighbourhood – Increase in Contract Threshold	27.04.04 Councillor Kim Humphreys	To ensure continuity in work ensuring that this and other related external works packages completed by winter 2004. To ensure that Alfred Salter NHO met its decent homes quota for 2004/05.	27.4.04 - Executive
Bermondsey One Stop Shop – Approval of Second Stage Tender	24.08.04 Councillor Catriona Moore	The design process needed to be extended resulting in a delay in receiving contractor's second stage tenders. Implementation of second stage tender needed to be made immediately to enable construction to commence in early September and ensure that the entire project would be delivered on time.	25.8.04 – Strategic Director of Regeneration/ Assistant Chief Executive
Variation of contract Kingsdale School Phase 2 Part 2	2.11.04 Councillor Kim Humphreys	Necessary to instruct on Phase 2 Part 2 of the contract in November 2004 so works could commence in early January 2005.	2.11.04 - Executive

Gateway 2 - Contract Award Approval - Brunsick Park school SSA Sports facility	25.2.05 Councillor Kim Humphreys	Additional time was required to secure funding from sport England resulting in extensions to the acceptance period for tenders. Sport England's funding restrictions required that the contract was implementable by 10 March 2005	28.2.05 - Director of Education
Creative Environmental Networks	21.3.05 – Councillor Kim Humphreys	Contract needed to be implementable by March 31 2005 to ensure that there was no loss of government funding which if lost could have detrimentally affected residents.	21.3.05 - Strategic Director of Housing
Potters Field – Review of legal proceedings	21.3.05 – Councillor Kim Humphreys	Due to the requirement to submit further statements to the judicial review by April 1 2005, it was necessary for Executive to be briefed on the progress of the proceedings prior to this time.	22.3.05 – Executive