

Item No. 7	Classification: Open	Date: May 31 2006	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Report of the Urgency Committee	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		None	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly notes the urgency committee decisions set out in appendix A of the report, taken in accordance with the provisions of Council Assembly Procedure Rule 9 relating to interim decision making arrangements for the period between the municipal election and constitutional council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Council Assembly Procedure Rule 9 states:-

“During a year which full council elections are held, the period between the elections and the first meeting of the executive / respective committees, the leaders (or in their absence the deputy leaders) of the two largest political groups are empowered to act as an urgency committee in respect of any urgent decisions which are not reserved by law to council assembly for decision. It will be possible for one member of the urgency committee to refer any decision as a recommendation to a meeting of the council assembly.”

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. The urgency committee met twice, details of which are set out in the appendix to the report.

REASONS FOR URGENCY

4. The issues contained in this report relate to urgent decisions taken during the period between the council elections and constitutional council. The first meeting of council assembly would be the most appropriate for this information to be considered at.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

5. The urgency committee could have met up to May 30 2006, the report was therefore intentionally delayed in order to ensure that all the urgency committee decisions were included in the report to council assembly.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Southwark Constitution Urgency Committee agenda and minutes	Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221

AUDIT TRAIL

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Borough Solicitor	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		May 30 2006

URGENCY COMMITTEE DECISIONS

REPORT TITLE / DECISION	PRESENT	REASON FOR URGENCY	MEETING DATE
<p>Establishment of Interim Licensing Committee and Planning Sub-Committee</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <p>That an interim licensing committee and planning sub-committee be established with the membership and terms of reference set out in appendix A and B of the report to consider licensing or planning applications between the municipal election and the council assembly (constitutional meeting) on May 31 2006.</p> <p>That the re-elected councillors who were members of the licensing committee during the 2005/2006 period be appointed to serve on the licensing committee as and when required in May 2006.</p> <p>That councillors Linda Manchester and Lorraine Lauder be appointed chair and vice-chair of the interim licensing committee respectively.</p> <p>That councillor James Gurling be appointed chair of the interim planning sub-committee.</p>	<p>Councillor Peter John Councillor Nick Stanton</p>	<p>There was a requirement for Licensing applications to be considered within a tight timescale specified in the Licensing Act 2003 and a number of applications reserved for member decisions had been received.</p> <p>Also the planning department had raised issues concerning their need to meet statutory Office of Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) performance targets relating to turnover of applications and the consequent potential effect on the CPA rating.</p>	<p>May 16 2006</p>

REPORT TITLE / DECISION	PRESENT	REASON FOR URGENCY	MEETING DATE
<p>Gateway 2 – Contract Award Approval, Home to Schools Transport</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>That the Home to Schools transport contract be awarded to the organisations detailed in the closed report for the categories coaches, multi purpose vehicles, minibuses and cabs.</p>	<p>Councillor Peter John Councillor Nick Stanton</p>	<p>To enable a sufficient lead in period before the commencement date at the start of the academic year in September 2006.</p>	<p>May 22 2006</p>