

Use of the Council's urgency processes involving a waiver of the call in process which have taken place since 21 September 2011.

Council is asked to note the decisions taken and the reasons for urgency.

1. Decision: Cuckoo Hall Academy – External works to former Nightingale Site

1.1 Reason for Urgency:

The Council needed to be in a position to hand over the site for construction of the Woodpecker Hall Free School but needed to firstly approve a tender for remediation works required on the site. In order to meet the required deadline for site hand over (allowing time for the necessary remediation works) there was a need to approve a waiver of the Forward Plan and call-in to allow the tender to be awarded, under the Rule 16 urgency process.

2. Decision: London Boroughs Grant Scheme

2.1 Reason for Urgency:

In order to take advantage of a proposed change in the level of borough subscriptions to the London Boroughs Grant Scheme, on which notification was received in December 2011. The deadline for response (31 January 2012) required a waiver of the Forward Plan and call-in under the Rule 16 Urgency Procedure, given the potential net saving to the Council of £91,150.

3. Decision: Extension of current Housing Electricity supply Contract

3.1 Reason for Urgency:

Enfield buys electricity and other energy utilities through LASER which is the approved buying agent representing a consortium of local authorities including Enfield. Being part of this consortium enables the council to access energy at the best price, taking advantage of the bulk buying powers of a larger group.

The current contract runs until September 2012, but advice received from the Council's approved buying agent indicated that the current market was favourable for extending this contract, with the current supplier. Approval was therefore sought to extend the contract for a further 12 months to 30 September 2013, with a decision needed by the 16 February 2012, in order to achieve the most favourable market rate. The decision to extend these contracts is already subject to a standing waiver of call-in, but a waiver of the Forward Plan was required under the Rule 16 Urgency procedure.