

Use of the Council's urgency processes involving a waiver of the call in process which have been agreed following the last update presented to Council on 4 July 2012.

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

1. Decision: Affordable Housing Programme – 167/167a South Street

1.1 Reason for Urgency:

The Cabinet member for Housing agreed (26 June 2012) to acquire 2 flats and the freehold interest in 167 South Street, as a Portfolio decision. The decision was approved as part of the estate renewal and regeneration scheme for Alma Estate, with the costs funded from within the Affordable Housing Programme.

As one of the flat owners needed to complete the exchange as a matter of urgency, in order to avoid losing a new property, approval was given to waive the usual call-in requirement, enabling the terms of the acquisition to be approved with immediate effect.

2. Decision: Temporary Closure of Barrowell Green Household Waste & Recycling Centre for essential repairs

2.1 Reason for Urgency

The Cabinet member for Environment agreed as a Portfolio decision (9 August) to the temporary closure of the Barrowell Green Household Waste & Recycling Centre (HWRC) during October 2012, in order to allow essential maintenance and other health and safety works to be undertaken at the site.

This was subject to approval under the Rule 16 urgency decision as it had not been possible to provide advance notice of the planned decision on the list of Key Decisions and an immediate decision was required, in terms of public notice being provided.

The detailed reasons provided for urgency were as follows:

- The urgent works required had been identified as a result of a health & safety inspection and were a priority in order to ensure full operational capabilities at the site were maintained;
- The works would require the temporary closure of the site to the public, so there was a need to allow a period of time to consult with the public and service users in advance of the closure;
- There was a need for the works to be undertaken ahead of the winter period;
- It had not been possible to provide advance notice of the decision as a key decision, as the decision to retain Barrowell Green HWRC and not transfer it to the North London Waste Authority had only been agreed by

Cabinet on 18 July 2012 i.e. after the deadline for publication of the list of Key Decisions for August.

3. Decision: Receipt of GLA Outer London Fund Round 2 Capital & Revenue

3.1 Reason for Urgency

The Leader of the Council (acting on behalf of the Cabinet member for Regeneration & Business) agreed as a Portfolio decision (21 September) to:

- (a) accept a Grant award of £1.897m of capital and revenue funding from the Greater London Authority designed to enable regeneration projects in Enfield Highway, Enfield Lock and Ponders End to continue; and
- (b) to note the match funding commitment of £213,000 capital and £65,000 revenue, which had been agreed from the Neighbourhood Regeneration Capital Programme and 2012/13 and 2013/14 revenue budgets respectively.

This was subject to approval under the Rule 16 urgency decision as it had not been possible to provide advance notice of the planned decision on the list of Key Decisions and an immediate decision was required, in terms of the Grant Agreement being sealed.

The detailed reasons provided for urgency were as follows:

- There was a need for the Grant Agreement to be signed and sealed by the Greater London Authority and Council by 26 September 2012, otherwise access to the funding would be lost;
- It had not been possible to provide advance notice of the decision on the list of key decisions as the Council had not been made aware of the September deadline for sign off and sealing of the agreement until 12 September 2012.