

QUARTERLY REPORTS TO COUNCIL ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS AND USE OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS PROCEDURE

(A) The Council's Constitution - Part 4 "The Council's Rules of Procedure"; Section B Access to information Procedure Rules (para 17.3) (page 43).

Under the above Section of the Council's Constitution the Leader of the Council has to submit quarterly reports to the Council on executive decisions that have been taken under the Special Urgency Provisions in the preceding three months. An item of Special Urgency is defined as a key decision whereby the report has not been published within the five clear days rule under the Access to Information Procedure Rules. The following report has to include the number of decisions so taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which those decisions were taken. In taking a decision under the Special Urgency Provisions the Decision Taker has to obtain the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Chair that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.

There have been 5 occasions when the Special Urgency Provision have been used over the preceding four month period.

Decision Taker	Item and Decision	Chair of Scrutiny Committee who authorised use of Special Urgency Provision
The Executive – 27 th April, 2009.	Building Schools for the Future Procurement Update Agreed a joint member group with Blackburn and Darwen Council regarding the appointment of a selected partner together with a joint BSF/LEP Client Team.	Children's Services, Culture, Young People and Sport Scrutiny Committee
Executive Member Strategy and External Relations – 3 rd June, 2009.	113 – 123 St Georges Road Purchase of Property Agreed terms to purchase the property	Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee.
Executive Member for Children's Services – 27 th April, 2009	Proposed Relocation and Rebuilding of Starting Point Agreed a feasibility study into the proposed relocation of Starting Point into a purpose built facility on the site of the second playing field adjacent to Gaskell Primary School.	Children's Services, Culture, Young People and Sport Scrutiny Committee

Executive Member for Children's Services – 27 th April, 2009	Relocation of the Forward Centre Pupil Referral Unit Agreed a feasibility study into the relocation of the Forward Centre from Westhoughton to the site of the old Roscow Fold School.	Children's Services, Culture, Young People and Sport Scrutiny Committee
Executive Member Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulation – 30 th June, 2009	Housing New Build Programme Agreed the bid for funding to support the LA New House Build Programme.	Development Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee.

(B) Detailed below are those decisions which have been taken over the last months by Executive Members under the Emergency Powers Procedures as contained in the Council's Scheme of Delegation (page 276).

Executive Member Strategy and External Relations – 29 th July, 2009	Window Refurbishment and Stone Repair – Bolton Town Hall Noted the commencement of works.	
Executive Member Strategy and External Relations – 29 th July, 2009	Colleges Co-location Project Noted entering into a contract with Urban Regeneration Ltd and the terms of the Development Agreement.	
Executive Member Strategy and External Relations – 29 th July, 2009	Smithills Open Farm – Partially Collapsed Bridge Noted the decisions relating to a new lease and the reinstatement of the bridge and weight restriction.	
Executive Member Environmental Services – 27 th July, 2009	Demolition of Horwich Market Hall To commence demolition works.	
Executive Member Environmental Services – 27 th July,	Transfer of School Meals Catering Staff at Thornleigh Salesian College Page 2 of 3	

2009 and Executive Member Human Resources and Diversity – 1 st July, 2009.	To agree the TUPE transfer of staff.	
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