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**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 11 OCTOBER 2006
URGENT KEY DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE 28 JUNE 2006
REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Article 7.09(f) of the Constitution allows for key decisions to be taken without giving the prescribed notice provided that the prior agreement of the relevant OSC Chairman is obtained. The Leader of the Council is required to report quarterly to the Council on how often the urgency procedure is used and to give details in each case. The urgent decisions taken during the last quarter since January are set out in the table below. Members of the Council are asked to note these decisions; further details can be made available on request.

Subject (Forward Plan reference)	Decision taken by	Decision taken	Reason for urgency
NOVA Funding Agreement for Employment Support Work in 2006-07 (KD02401).	Cllr Paget-Brown	7 August	<i>Since the closure of North Kensington Opportunities Centre (NKOC) on 30 June 2006 the Council is keen for NOVA to offer an extra element of support to residents of the Royal Borough and to build a relationship with the new JCP, just opened in north Kensington. NOVA is already picking up ex-clients of NKOC, with no funding to pay.</i>
Diversion of London Underground Cables, Tetcott Road, SW10 (KD02433) a part B decision.	Cllr Husband	31 August	<i>Transport for London (TfL) has put forward a new offer proposing to pre-order the cables and gas transition joints prior to receiving the Council's full approval to divert the cables. This means that the diversion of the cables could be achieved by the</i>

			<i>Council's target date of June 2007, which is necessary to achieve a September 2009 opening date for the Academy. To order the cables and joints TfL need confirmation by 31 August 2006.</i>
Distribution of Free Literature (KD02428).	Cllr Paget-Brown	8 September	<i>The current legislation expires on 6th October 2006. In order to adopt the new legislation in time the Council needs to advertise the proposal for a 28-day consultation period. Each advert requires a seven-day lead in with the local paper. A further report will be produced to inform the Cabinet Member of the results of the consultation and seek to adopt the new legislation by 6th October.</i>
Adoption of new regulations on the distribution of free literature and outcome of public consultation (KD02450).	Cllr Paget-Brown	18 September	<i>To adopt the new regulation on the distribution of free literature by 6 October the Council will have to advertise the start date 14 days beforehand. The notice for the local press will have to be ordered on Tuesday 19 September. If the deadline of 6 October is not met then there will be no legislative cover.</i>
Purcell House Leasehold Valuation Tribunal - waiving of service charges for new windows (KD02411).	Cllr F Buxton	22 September	<i>So that Legal Services can receive a clear decision before the Leaseholder Valuation Tribunal hearing on 2 October.</i>

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