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**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
Meeting of the Council – 25 January 2006
URGENT KEY DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE 21 SEPTEMBER 2005
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
Home Care - Cancellation of Block Contract	Cllr Fiona Buxton	24 October 2005	Notice to the existing service provider that the Council has decided not to proceed or terminate a contract needs to be issued as soon as practical once the decision has been made in order to minimise the risks associated with the decision.
Care and Facilities Management for Ellesmere - Appointment of Consultants	Cllr Fiona Buxton	2 November 2005	The normal Key Decision process will add approximately four weeks and this delay will result in the award Key Decision being unable to be considered by the Cabinet on 28 June 2006.

Heating and Hot Water Charges in the Housing Revenue Account	Cllr Fiona Buxton	11 November 2005	The TMO need to make a decision by 14 November 2005 to be able to produce heating and hot water accounts for January 2006.
Local enterprise growth initiative (LEGI) joint bid with Westminster city council	Cllr Nicholas Paget-Brown	7 December 2005	The bid is complex and has to be submitted to the Government Office of London on 9 December 2005.
Office Refurbishment Contract - Kensington Town Hall	Cllrs Tom Fairhead and David Campion	19 December 2005	Earlier than planned completion of works to B118 area of the Town Hall is essential to allow officers to decant from the space that will be occupied by the ICE Customer Service Centre. To meet the timetable for the ICE Customer Service Centre works the decision to accept the successful tender has to allow the contractors the necessary lead in time for works to begin to the B118 area by 23 January 06. The normal key decision process would not allow this to take place in time.
One-off Repayable Grant Payment to Chelsea Theatre	Cllr Paul Warrick	13 January 2006	In order to secure the continuing delivery of a range of important services the organisation needs temporary financial assistance caused by a significant non-payment of rent arrears from a sub tenant organisation.

FOR INFORMATION

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