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To: Cabinet – 13 July 2009

Subject: Urgent Decisions Taken During the Interregnum

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To report decisions taken during the Interregnum (*8 June to 25 June 2009*) under the procedures published by the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership on 18 May 2009.

Introduction

1. On 18 May 2009 the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership published guidance on the procedures to be used for urgent decisions which needed to be taken during the period of the Interregnum.
2. In accordance with those procedures, the following two decisions have been taken by the appropriate Managing Director.

Home Support Fund – Request for approval

Parents of a severely handicapped child had made a request to their local council for funding to adapt their home in order to meet their child's needs. The Borough Council in which the child lives had approved a Disabled Facilities Grant towards the total cost of the works and a request was made that the County Council fund the difference from its Home Support Fund. The Managing Director for Children Families and Education considered the request and concluded that a grant should be made and that it was essential for it to be made available as a matter of urgency so that the required adaptations to the family home could be completed within agreed timescales. The report relating to this matter was exempt under paragraphs 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Dartford Grammar School for Girls – Project for a new Sports Hall and Floodlit Multi-Games Area together with refurbishment works to a teaching block

This project will provide a new build fit for purpose sports hall together with changing rooms and fitness facilities. The hall would meet the schools PE requirements and will also be available to the wider community. There will also be a floodlit multi-games area which would be available to the community out of school hours. The project also involves refurbishing the former Dartford Technology College building to create suitable teaching accommodation. As it was essential not to jeopardise the terms of the agreed timescales for the implementation of this project, the Managing Director for Children, Families and Education agreed that the project should proceed without delay thus avoiding considerable disruption to its effective implementation.

A copy of each Record of Decision in relation to the above matters is available on request from Democratic Services.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to confirm the action and decisions taken by the Managing Director for Children, Families and Education in each of these cases.

Background Documents: the procedures published by the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership on 18 May 2009.

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