

Council meeting, 9 May 2013

Action taken

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

1. Last year, a charge was placed on Whitefield House in order to protect the high level of monies which were paid upon exchange of the property. This charge was registered with Land Registry and was in order to protect HCPC should the Evangelical Alliance have defaulted on completion of the sale.
2. In order to complete the purchase of Whitefield House by 8 April 2013, the charge needed to be released and in order to do so, the Council Seal needed to be affixed to the document. Therefore, on this occasion, to ensure no delay in completion, emergency action was taken to authorise the Chair and Chief Executive to sign the document and affix the Council Seal.

3. Standing Order No 20 of the Council's Standing Orders states that:

"In an emergency, where a decision must be made by the Council before its next meeting, the powers and duties of the Council may be exercised by the Chair (Emergency Action).

The Registrar shall make reasonable efforts to inform Members of the proposed Emergency Action or, where it is impracticable to do so, shall inform Members as soon as possible after Emergency Action has been taken but failure to do either shall not invalidate any Emergency Action."

4. On 4th April 2013, the Secretary to Council contacted Members to inform them of the need to exercise emergency action in relation to the purchase of Whitefield House.

Decision

Council is asked to note the action taken.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

The cost of purchasing the property has been discussed in full at recent meetings of the Finance and Resources Committee meetings and Council meeting.

Appendices

None.

Date of paper

26 April 2013