

Committee: Finance Committee	Date: 18 November 2014
Subject: Decisions taken under Delegated Authority or Urgency since the last meeting of the Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
<p>Summary</p> <p>This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b).</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Members are asked to note the report.</p>	

Donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) Ebola Appeal

Background

1. The Finance Committee agreed at its last meeting to make a £20,000 donation to the British Red Cross' Ebola Outbreak Appeal (in addition to a £20,000 donation to the Red Cross' South Sudan Appeal).
2. Subsequent to this, on 28 October 2014 the DEC launched an urgent appeal in relation to the Ebola Crisis in West Africa. This is the first time in its 50 year history that the DEC has launched an appeal in response to a disease outbreak.
3. The World Health Organisation Estimates that there could be up to 5,000 to 10,000 new cases of Ebola a week in the worst affected countries by December. The Finance Committee previously agreed to make a £20,000 donation to the British Red Cross towards their Ebola relief efforts, but given the escalating scale of the crisis it is appropriate that a further donation of £30,000 is made to the DEC appeal.

Action taken

4. It was agreed that a donation of £30,000 be made to the DEC's Gaza Appeal, funded from the Finance Committee's City Cash Contingency Fund for National and International Disasters.

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