

<b>Committee:</b> Finance Committee	<b>Date:</b> 21 November 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Decisions taken under Delegated Authority or Urgency since the last meeting of the Committee	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

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 No. 41(b).

### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

### Main report

#### **Finance Committee City Cash Contingency Fund for National and International Disaster Relief - Donation to the British Red Cross – Myanmar Appeal**

#### Background

1. The British Red Cross is the United Kingdom body of the worldwide neutral and impartial humanitarian network the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The society was formed in 1870, and is a registered charity with more than 32,500 volunteers and 3,500 staff. At the heart of their work is providing help to people in crisis, both in the UK and overseas. The Red Cross is committed to helping people without discrimination, regardless of their ethnic origin, nationality, political beliefs or religion.
2. A recent surge of violence in Myanmar has seen around 379,000 people cross into Bangladesh in just a few weeks. Young and old are arriving exhausted, hungry and dehydrated. They join around 74,000 people already in the Cox's Bazar region of Bangladesh, living in makeshift camps and temporary shelters. Adding to the misery, Bangladesh is in the middle of a monsoon and terrible floods. The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is providing food, clean water, shelter and medical care and has launched its Myanmar Appeal to raise funds to enable it to help those in need.

#### Action Taken

3. The sum of £25,000 was donated via the Finance Committee City Cash Contingency Fund to the British Red Cross Appeal.

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