

Agenda Item 7 (i)

Enclosure 4

**Health and Care Professions Council
21 September 2017**

**186 Kennington Park Road: Emergency action
taken**

To note

**From Louise Lake, Director of Council and
Committee Services**

Council, 20 September 2017

Emergency Action taken – 186 Kennington Park Road

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

1. On 4 August 2017, Council were made aware about an unexpected issue that had arisen in relation to the building of 186 Kennington Park Road. The Chair of Council emailed all members to let them know that the rear of the building was in much worse condition than expected and required significant remedial work to make it safe.
2. Members were provided with a briefing document that set out the five options that were available in terms of progressing with the project. The paper sets out the advantages and risks of all five possible options.
3. The Council were made aware that a decision needed to be taken before the next Council meeting in order not to incur significant additional costs with and to minimise the impact on the final completion date. It was important to consider all options and make a timely decision on the best way forwards.
4. Stephen Cohen kindly volunteered to step in for the Chair at a site meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2017 where the range of options was considered and a proposed way forward was agreed upon.
5. It was agreed that option 2.1 – Rectifying the building by re-patching and containing within a new structural render whilst seeking to reduce costs through the value engineering process should be progressed.
6. Standing Order 20 of the Council's Standing Orders states that:-
 - 20.1 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).
 - 20.2 For this purpose an emergency means circumstances in which:
 - 20.2.1 the HCPC will be unable to discharge its statutory functions or be exposed to a significant level of risk if urgent action is not taken; or
 - 20.2.2 urgent action must be taken to prevent loss, damage or significant disadvantage to the HCPC.

- 20.3 Before taking any Emergency Action, the Chair must consult the Registrar.
- 20.4 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.
- 20.5 The Emergency Action functions of the Chair and Registrar may be exercised by such other persons as the Chair and Registrar may respectively nominate in writing.

7. In accordance with Standing Order 20, Council members were made aware by email of the proposed action to be taken. This aim of this paper is to place on record in the formal minutes of today's meeting, a record of the decision taken.

Decision

8. The Council is invited to note the contents of the paper.

Resource implications

These are discussed in the briefing paper previously distributed to Council members.

Financial implications

- Additional £322k to the project budget.
- Additional 25 weeks to the project delivery.

Appendices

None

Date of paper

30 August 2017