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DoE (Burtles) reports that David Hencke, 'Guardian', is trying to confirm that Nigel Broakes is to be appointed Chairman of the Urban Development Corporation for the docklands. In fact the recommendation is now with the Prime Minister. Broakes himself does not want the appointment, if approved, to be announced before a Board Meeting of his company in the next week or two. DoE hope that they can hold it until the Second Reading of the Local Government Bill when it is reintroduced into the Commons. Whether or not they can sit on it that long remains to be seen.