

## Executive Emergency Provision

This decision is to be made by the Chief Executive pursuant to the following provisions in Part 3 Paragraph 9.3.2.:

“Exceptionally,..... notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, the Chief Executive shall be authorised to exercise either executive or non-executive functions where the matter is urgent unless this is prohibited by law.”

The current situation in respect of the Coronavirus: COVID 19 is an exceptional circumstance.

### **Mortuary capacity**

Approval is being sought to:

- (1) Approve accelerated payments to provide emergency mortuary capacity in the event of a resurgence of Covid-19 cases in Brent.

(2)

The decision proposed in this report is urgent in current circumstances because:

- The potential for a Covid-19 second wave outbreak must be accounted for now specifically in order for Brent to secure emergency access to new regional mortuary capacity by a deadline of 4 September.
- In light of the potential for a resurgence of the pandemic, mortuary capacity may become very limited very quickly. Any delay would impede the council's emergency response to such an outbreak and prevent access to mortuary capacity at a critical time.

Approved by: Chief Executive

Signed: *C. Downs*

Date: 3 September 2020

Date Leader or Deputy Leader, relevant Lead Member and Leader of the Opposition notified of decision made: 3 September 2020