

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. of the Constitution:

“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.

Critical Services and Decision Making

Approval is being sought:

- (1) To agree the assessment of critical council services contained in Appendix 1 of the report and note that services not categorized as critical or essential may be subject to service change to maintain provision of critical and essential services.
- (2) To note and agree the decisions specified in Appendix 2 of the report.

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

They concern actions taken during the current crisis due to extreme urgency and often in response to specific Government direction and guidance and including them in this report enables them to be confirmed where necessary by the Chief Executive and creates transparency in respect of actions taken.

This decision is a key decision and any delay in implementing it would seriously prejudice the Council's or the Public Interest within the meaning of Standing Order 14. The urgency of the current situation and the directives and guidance from government has required some decisions to be taken without the degree of consultation and debate that is usually considered desirable. It is important that these decisions are formally and transparently confirmed and published as soon as possible. The provision for call-in of key decisions under Standing Order 14 shall therefore not apply to this decision.

Approved by: Chief Executive

Signed: *Carolyn Downs*

Date: 21/04/2020

Date Leader or Deputy Leader, relevant Lead Member and Leader of the Opposition notified of decision made: 22/04/2020