

## 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.

### **Accelerated payments for emergency Mortuary capacity due to Covid 19**

Approval is being sought to:

- (1) Note the rationale for providing the emergency facility in the first instance.
- (2) Recognise the costs already incurred and committed and agree to approve the on-going operation and expenditure, and the eventual approach to de-commissioning.

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

- There is an escalated demand for body storage space that significantly exceeds pre-existing capacity.
- Creating additional capacity at the proposed emergency facility supports the NW Hospital Trust through a period of great operational difficulty and crisis.
- The approach is agreed by GOLD as part of the Council's overall response to the emergency.

Approved by: Chief Executive

Signed: *Carolyn Downs*

Date: 29/04/2020

Date Leader or Deputy Leader, relevant Lead Member and Leader of the Opposition notified of decision made: 29/04/2020