

Report to Council



Date of Meeting	14 th October 2020
Portfolio	Councillor Daalat Ali (Cabinet Member for Resources)
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Decisions taken under Special Urgency Provisions

Executive Summary

1. The report details executive decisions taken under special urgency provision, by the Chief Executive between February and October 2020.
- 1.1 The Chief Executive has taken special urgent decisions, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, in consultation with Portfolio Holders and the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair. Decisions taken during this period were as a result of the limitations for Cabinet and other bodies to meet due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Recommendation

- 2 The decisions taken by the Chief Executive under special urgency provisions be noted.

Reason for Recommendation

3. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, decisions taken as a matter of special urgency shall be reported to a meeting of the Council.

Key Points for Consideration

4. Through the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, the Government has temporarily removed the legal requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person. Prior to the enactment of the Regulations Council Committees were unable to meet following the Prime Minister's announcement on 16 March 2020 that we are to avoid all non-essential contact and work from home where possible.
- 4.1 As a result the Council had taken steps to cancel the planned meetings of Cabinet and the Integrated Commissioning Board scheduled for 31 March 2020.

- 4.2 A number of key and executive decisions were required either as planned business or as a result of national and local measures to be taken to respond to the pandemic.
- 4.3 The Council utilised the powers within the Constitution to enable the Chief Executive to take special urgency decisions to enable the continued functioning of services to support the community. A total of 23 decisions were taken and are detailed in appendix 1.

Alternatives Considered

- 4.4 There are no alternatives to consider as the reporting of special urgency decisions to Council is a Constitutional requirement.

Costs and Budget Summary

5. There are no direct financial implications to this report. Information relating to the budget was reported to each decision maker at the time of determination.

Risk and Policy Implications

6. Not adhering to requirements of the Council’s Constitution may leave the Council open to legal challenge.

Consultation

7. There is no consultation required for this report.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
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