

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	13 May 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Delegated Powers to the Chief Executive Dealt with in Terms of Standing Order No 36(c)
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), in view of the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve delegated powers to the Chief Executive to deal with urgent matters relating to periods of national emergency being declared by the Government or other emergency situations involving the closure of public buildings and cancellation of meetings and, during those periods, authorising the Chief Executive in consultation with the Group Leaders (or their representatives), to deal with any issues that would normally be subject to committee approval

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve delegated powers to the Chief Executive to deal with urgent matters relating to periods of national emergency being declared by the Government or other emergency situations involving the closure of public buildings and cancellation of meetings and, during those periods, authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders (or their representatives), to deal with any issues that would normally be subject to committee approval, be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted a report on any issues dealt with during such a period would be submitted to committee for noting at the earliest opportunity.

3. Background

- 3.1. Due to recent Government and public health advice in relation to Covid-19, it has been agreed that all Council committee meetings/forums etc and awareness sessions be cancelled, with immediate effect, up to the Easter recess, at which time the situation will be reviewed.
- 3.2. To ensure continuity of Council business, for now and in the future, it is proposed that powers be delegated to the Chief Executive to deal with urgent matters relating to periods of national emergency being declared by the Government or other emergency situations involving the closure of public buildings and cancellation of meetings and that, during those periods, the Chief Executive be authorised, in

consultation with the Group Leaders (or their representatives), to deal with any issues that would normally be subject to committee approval.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. None.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no implications in terms of climate change, sustainability or the environment.

7. Other Implications

7.1. There would be a risk to the Council's reputation should business not be dealt with for prolonged periods.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. No equality impact assessment is required in terms of the recommendations contained within this report.

8.2. Consultation has been undertaken with the Group Leaders in terms of the contents of this report.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

18 March 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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