

Individual Member Decision Record



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Decision Maker:	Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
Lead Officer:	Janet Waggott, Chief Executive
Title of Decision:	Continuation of Cancellation of Meetings due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Ward(s) Affected:	All
Type of Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key decision <input type="checkbox"/> Non key decision discharging (or connected to the discharge of) an Executive function <input type="checkbox"/> Specific delegation from Council or Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of permission / licence <input type="checkbox"/> Affecting the rights of an individual <input type="checkbox"/> Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which materially affects the financial position of the Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision under urgency
Details of decision:	<p>The Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) noted the publication of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Corona Virus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020; and 2) agreed to continue the Council's current process of cancelling all Member meetings until Friday 15 May 2020, and that consideration to be given to making decisions under the urgency process as outlined in the Council's constitution.
Reason for	Although legislation been published to provide flexibility for local

decision:	authority decision making meetings, it is felt the current process of making decisions under the urgency process should continue until the previously agreed date of Friday 15 May 2020 at which point the process will then be reviewed. This would allow the Council to consider the regulations and how best to use them to support the decision-making process. This is to ensure that all appropriate resources of the Council are directed towards supporting residents in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19).
Alternative options considered and rejected:	Due to the guidance issued by the Government, having individuals attend meetings would place people at risk. Continuing the current process would allow the Council to consider the regulations and how best to use them to support the decision-making process.
Member Interests: (<i>Name of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision and details of any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service if appropriate</i>)	None.
Legal, Financial or other implications:	Decisions will be made through the urgency process as outlined in the Council's constitution. The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has been consulted on this issue to confirm agreement to urgency as it is an urgent key decision. As the decision is made under urgency powers it is not subject to call-in. The Chief Executive confirms that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and is to be treated as urgent.
Background papers:	None.
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Signed:	<i>Signature redacted</i> Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	6 April 2020