

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY URGENCY POWERS

SUMMARY OF DECISION TO BE TAKEN: Consideration of cancelling the Full Council AGM on 29 May 2020

It is proposed to cancelling the AGM Full Council and instead Committees, Chairs and Mayoralty will continue in their current format until the next scheduled Full Council on 15 July, where any changes for 2020/21 municipal year can be made. It is expected that the Full Council on 15 July would be a 'hybrid' meeting dealing with standard Full Council items and some elements of the AGM. It should be noted that the ceremonial side of the AGM element on the 15 July is likely to be reduced. Political Groups can still make any membership changes up until 15 July, via the normal method via email to Democratic Services.

ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE: Full Council

RELEVANT PERSONS CONSULTED:

- The Mayor (As Chair of The Full Council (Cllr Sharma)) – responses received and is in full support.
- Leader of the Council (Cllr Lamb) - responses received and confirmed his support for the purposed approach.
- Leader of the Opposition (Cllr Crow) – responses received and confirmed his support for the proposal as the best option under the circumstances

Consultation with the above ran between on Friday 19th April 2020 to Tuesday 14 April 2020

DECISION MADE: To confirm the Cancelling the AGM Full Council on 29 May 2020, with the 15 July 2020 scheduled to be held as a 'hybrid' meeting dealing with standard Full Council items and elements of the AGM.

REASONS FOR DECISION AND FURTHER INFORMATION: The rationale for this decision is that the legislation has been changed so the Council is no longer required to hold the AGM which was previously the case. There have been no changes of members and therefore committee proportionality remains unchanged. Also in these current times holding an AGM virtually maybe difficult to run smoothly both for the meeting itself and for the associated pre-Group meetings and a virtual AGM would lack the expected civic gravitas of an AGM Mayor making. By delaying the meeting until July there would be a chance that the Full Council could be held in part in a physical form and it would be more fitting than just a virtual annual meeting. This would need to be kept under review following public health and government guidance at the time.

I hereby agree that I will take the decision as set out above, for the reasons detailed, under the Council's Emergency Urgency Powers.



Chief Executive
Date: 20 April 2020