

Meeting HOUSING, PROPERTY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES CABINET

MEMBER MEETING

Time/Day/Date Wednesday, 15 April 2020

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NOTICE UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

The Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee has been consulted and has agreed that the following additional item is to be considered as a Key Decision under the general exception provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMERCIAL TENNANTS THROUGH COVID-19

Report of the Strategic Director of Housing and Customer Services

Exempt under Schedule 12a, Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

The reason why compliance with Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 was impracticable is as follows:

The Council needs to make some decisions quickly in respect of its response to the COVID19 emergency. Due to the speed with which the situation regarding the Covid 19 pandemic developed, the need for this policy change was not identified early enough to allow it to go through the normal report preparation process and associated timetable for the Executive Decision Notice publication. The approach detailed in the report will, if approved, provide both reassurance and financial flexibility for those commercial tenants affected by the Covid 19 emergency. Delaying making these policy changes could cause severe financial hardship for some commercial tenants at a time when they are facing multiple challenges.