

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL

2 APRIL 2020

NB: Information replicates the delegated decision/s made by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council which were published within the Members' Information Sheet and on the Council's website under Council and Democracy/Decisions/Delegated Decisions 2020.

1 ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY
(as a result of the Council meeting on 25 March 2020 being cancelled
due to Covid-19 situation)

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted *[if applicable]*

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Chief Executive

1. DECISION TAKEN

In respect of the Council Agenda – 25 March 2020 – Item 1a – Corporate Peer Challenge Report

- (1) That the content of the Corporate Peer Challenge report and its recommendations be noted.
- (2) That the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader be requested to develop an action plan responding to the Corporate Peer Challenge report, to be reported to the next scheduled meeting of Cabinet.
- (3)

2. DECISION TAKER

The Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3 April 2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The Council meeting on 25 March 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation.

To ensure that the Council responds to the matters identified within the CPC report, ensuring that the benefits of the CPC process are realised.

5. CONSULTATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Consultation including the effect on stakeholders, partners and the public is contained within the report published with the Council agenda for the meeting on 25 March 2020.

Given the current Covid-19 situation and government advice regarding gatherings, the meeting of the Council was not possible. Therefore, the Council Members were requested to provide an indication as to how they would have voted and any comments as to guide the decision maker.

By the prescribed deadline 26 votes were cast in favour of the recommendation.

The following Members of Council voted: Councillors David Barnard, Judi Billing, John Bishop, Ruth Brown, Paul Clark, George Davies, Morgan Derbyshire, Faye Frost, Jean Green, Gary Grindal, Simon Harwood, Terry Hone, Keith Hoskins, Tony Hunter, Ian Mantle, Jim McNally, Ian Moody, Gerald Morris, Michael Muir, Sue Ngwala, Sean Prendergast, Adem Ruggiero-Cakir, Claire Strong, Richard Thake, Terry Tyler and Tom Tyson

There were no comments made by Members.

6. SUPPORTING REPORT

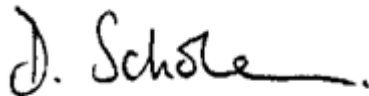
Other information relevant to the decision, such as legal, financial, risk, social value and equality implications, is contained within the report published as Item 1a within the Council agenda for the meeting on 25 March 2020 via link below:

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NOTIFICATION DATE

3 April 2020

Signature of Decision Taker



Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

In respect of Executive Decisions, as per section 6.3.11(b) of the Constitution 'Call-In and Urgency', the call-in procedure does not apply when the decision being taken is urgent. For the purposes of the current Coronavirus pandemic, this decision is considered to be urgent (as normal meetings and the decision-making process has been suspended). The Chair of Council has been informed and agrees that the decision is a reasonable one in the circumstances and is to be treated as a matter of urgency.

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SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Resources

2. DECISION TAKEN

In respect of the Council Agenda – 25 March 2020 – Item 1b – Third Quarter Revenue Monitoring 2019/20

- (4) That the description on the Special Reserve be changed to “Maintained for any special financial pressures such as pump priming for initiatives for shared services, changes in working practice, major contract renewals, unexpected contract variation, support the response to and reduce the impact of major incidents and other financial pressures”.
- (5) That it be noted that any discretionary spend in respect of Covid-19 will be approved by the Service Director: Resources as Budget Manager, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and IT.

2. DECISION TAKER

The Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3 April 2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

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By the prescribed deadline 17 votes were cast in favour of the recommendation and 10 votes were cast against the recommendation.

The following Members of Council voted: Councillors David Barnard, Judi Billing, John Bishop, Ruth Brown, Paul Clark, George Davies, Morgan Derbyshire, Faye Frost, Jean Green, Gary Grindal, Simon Harwood, Terry Hone, Keith Hoskins, Tony Hunter, David Levett, Ian Mantle, Jim McNally, Ian Moody, Gerald Morris, Michael Muir, Sue Ngwala, Sean Prendergast, Adem Ruggiero-Cakir, Claire String, Richard Thake, Terry Tyler and Tom Tyson.

There were no comments made by Members.

6. SUPPORTING REPORT

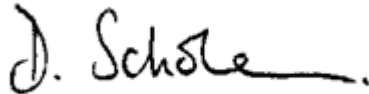
Other information relevant to the decision, such as legal, financial, risk, social value and equality implications, is contained within the report published as Item 1b within the Council agenda for the meeting on 25 March 2020 via link below:

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2 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE 6 MONTH RULE - SECTION 85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Chief Executive

1. DECISION TAKEN

In respect of the Council Agenda – 25 March 2020 – Item 2 – Resolution to Extend the 6 Month Rule – Section 85 Local Government Act 1972

- (1) That an extension of the six-month rule for Councillor Bill Davidson, on ill-health grounds, for an additional six-month period, until 9 October 2020 be approved
- (2) That the power to grant an extension, on health grounds, be delegated to the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with Group Leaders during the coronavirus pandemic, such delegation to last for the term of the pandemic, or to cease if not renewed by Council / or under emergency powers in July 2020.

2. DECISION TAKER

The Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3 April 2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The Council meeting on 25 March 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation.

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that 'if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority'. Whilst the Local Government Association has been lobbying for this to be dealt with (potentially under the Coronavirus Bill 2020), at the stage of finalising the report, this has not been included.

The decision at (1) is therefore required to enable Cllr Davidson to continue to serve as a District Councillor. The decision at (2) is to cover the pandemic emergency

5. CONSULTATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Given the current Covid-19 situation and government advice regarding gatherings, the meeting of the Council was not possible. Therefore, the Council Members were requested to provide an indication as to how they would have voted and any comments as to guide the decision maker.

By the prescribed deadline 33 Votes were cast in favour of decision (1) with 1 abstention. 34 votes were cast in favour of decision (2).

The following Members of Council voted: Councillors Ian Albert, David Barnard, Judi Billing, John Bishop, Ruth Brown, Val Bryant, Paul Clark, Sam Collins, George Davies, Morgan Derbyshire, Faye Frost, Jean Green, Gary Grindal, Simon Harwood, Terry Hone, Keith Hoskins, Tony Hunter, Steve Jarvis, David Levett, Ian Mantle, Jim McNally, Ian Moody, Michael Muir, Sue Ngwala. Sean Prendergast, Mike Rice, Adem Ruggiero-Cakir, Carol Stanier, Martin Stears-Handscomb, Claire Strong, Richard Thake, Terry Tyler, Tom Tyson and Michael Weeks.

There were no comments made by Members.

6. SUPPORTING REPORT

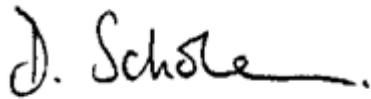
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3 REFERRAL FROM EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE: 17 MARCH 2020 - SENIOR MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Due to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was cancelled and therefore the report entitled Referral from Employment Committee – Senior Management Arrangements was deferred until a formal meeting of Council could be convened.

4 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

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