

Chief Executive Urgency Decisions

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Recommendation: **It is recommended that Cabinet notes the urgent decisions made by the Chief Executive, as set out in Report No: CAB/WS/20/036.**

1. Background

- 1.1 The Covid-19 pandemic has required the Council to work rapidly to respond to the emerging threat and Government guidance as the situation has evolved.
- 1.2 In the vast majority of cases, officers throughout the organisation are empowered, through our business continuity plans and scheme of delegation, to be able to make decisions to support the Council's response. This has enabled us to continue to deliver vital services to our communities whilst ensuring appropriate measures are taken to safeguard staff and our stakeholders.
- 1.3 In a small number of cases, decisions need to be made that fall outside the scope of the scheme of delegation, or the terms under which decisions are delegated to officers, and therefore it is necessary to employ the Chief Executive's Urgency Powers.

2. Chief Executive urgency decisions to be reported

- 2.1 This report provides information on the two Chief Executive's Urgency Powers decisions that fall under the scope of "executive" (i.e. Cabinet) functions and are available for reporting at this stage. For reference, non-executive functions will be reported to Council in due course.
 - Suspension of on and off street car parking charges (see Appendix A)
 - Adoption of the IHRA definition of Anti-Semitism (see Appendix B)
- 2.2 There is one further decision that was due to be reported to Cabinet on 24 March 2020, namely the moving of a polling place in Haverhill. This decision is being reported here for noting (see Appendix C) however, in practice it was not required due to the Police and Crime Commissioner elections being deferred.
- 2.3 As the Council continues to evaluate the way services are provided in response to Covid-19, further Chief Executive's Urgency decisions are likely to be required and these will continue to be reported to Cabinet, or the Council, as required.

