

## Officer decision record: Use of the Chief Executive's Urgency Powers

"Where, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, by reason of limitation of time or urgency, a decision is required on any matter, after such consultation as they consider necessary (or as is required by the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution), they shall have power to make a decision provided that any such decision shall be reported to the next meeting of the Cabinet, appropriate Committee or Council unless there is a need for confidentiality, in which case the reporting of the decision may be deferred until the need for confidentiality expires"

<p><b>The decision that is being made:</b></p> <p>To appoint Councillor Ian Shipp as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>	
<p>Background information / context</p>	<p>Councillor David Nettleton has confirmed to the Leader that he is resigning as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Council's Constitution indicates that it is preferable that the Chair is not a member of the majority group.</p>
<p>Reasons as to why this decision is being taken urgently</p>	<p>The position of Overview and Scrutiny (O&amp;S) Committee Chair is a key element of the Council's governance structures. In particular, they must be consulted if Key Decisions are taken urgently, and the Chief Executive's urgency powers require him to consult relevant parties before making a decision. Often, this consultation will include the Chair of O&amp;S.</p> <p>As such, it is important that this decision is made as a matter of urgency to ensure that decisions in this critical time can be subject to appropriate safeguards.</p>

**APPENDIX C**

<p>If not stated above, alternative options that have been considered</p>	<p>Councillor Ian Shipp is leader of the Independent Group, the largest minority group in the Council, and a member of the O&amp;S Committee. As such, it is considered he represents the most suitable appointee to the role.</p>
<p>Other information considered, including any implications (legal / financial / personnel / data processing / equalities / community impact)</p> <p>Where necessary please refer to attachments / appendices</p>	<p>There are no statutory or non-statutory further implications arising from this decision</p>
<p>Parties consulted before the decision has been taken and any representation received</p>	<p>The Leader of the Council has discussed the matter with Councillor Ian Shipp, who has consented to taking on the role – which will begin on 19 May 2020.</p>
<p>Confirmation of any conflicts of interests identified by consultees and whether the Chief Executive is satisfied that such conflicts are acceptable</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Decision Authorised by the Chief Executive</p>	
<p>Date</p>	<p>19.05.2020</p>
<p>Conflicts of interest declared by executive members consulted, including whether the Chief Executive has authorised councillors with conflicts to continue to act</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Decision</p>	<p>As outlined in 'decision taken' section of this form above</p>
<p>Signature and date: 19.05.2020</p> 	