

URGENT DELEGATED DECISION

Date: 24 March 2020

Request to the Head of Paid Service to exercise delegated authority as per Responsibility of Functions in Part IV, page 28 of the Constitution.

“to determine any matter within the referred or delegated powers and duties of a committee / sub committee / board / working which is so urgent that a decision must be made before the next meeting of that committee / sub-committee / board / working group is due to be held.”

Limits on delegation: -

- Before making a decision using this delegated power, The Head of Paid Service shall consult with and take cognisance of the views of the Chairman (or in his absence the VC) of the relevant Committee / Sub-Committee etc; and
- Any decision taken by the Head of Paid Service under this delegated power shall be reported to Members within five working days of the decision taken.

Usual Decision Maker: -

This decision would have been taken by the Prosperous Communities Committee but all Committee Meetings have been suspended due to the COVID-19 situation.

Call-in does not apply.

Background

On 23 March the Prime Minister announced that everyone should remain in their homes, and where possible in the aim of preventing the virus spreading at the current rate.

The Council's public conveniences have been identified as a risk in the transmission of the Corona virus as we are unable to resource cleaning after each use.

Due to the restrictions now in place in relation to guidance issued by the Prime Minister it is unlikely that there would be any significant need for the use of public toilets.

Reason for Urgency and Rationale for use of urgent Delegated Decision

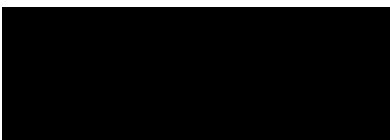
In light of the current COVID 19 situation, an urgent decision is required in order to prevent the spread of the virus through the use of the Council’s public toilet facilities.

Decision

In respect of health and safety and to ensure there is no risk of contamination through the use of public toilets, a decision was made to close these facilities for an initial period of 3 months and subject to ongoing review.

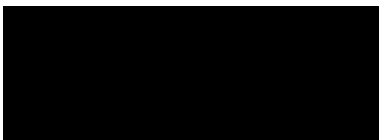
Financial Detail and Implications FIN/DD/15/20/TJB

There is no cost of this decision, however there may be small savings on running costs.



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Ian Knowles
Head of Paid Service

As the Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee I have been fully consulted on this matter



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Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee

Date all Members were notified of the decision: - 30 March 2020