

<b>Board/Committee:</b>	FULL COUNCIL
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	10 JUNE 2020
<b>Title:</b>	NOTIFICATION OF URGENT DECISION TO INTRODUCE SUPPLEMENTARY STANDING ORDERS
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<b>Status:</b>	FOR NOTING

### **Purpose**

The Council's Constitution sets out at paragraph 3.7 Part 3 Schedule 10 that the Chief Executive has the following power:

***“Authority to take any action on urgent matter which would otherwise require reference to or consultation with the Council, a Board or Committee, if there is no such time for such reference or consultation to be made provided the Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer agree to the proposed course of action before it is decided. All such decisions shall be reported to the next meeting of the Council, Board or Committee”.***

Due to the Covid-19 global pandemic the Chief Executive exercised the above power on 30 April 2020 in order to implement supplementary standing orders so that Council meetings can take place using videoconference technology.

### **Recommendation**

**That Full Council notes the attached decision report as a record of the Chief Executive having exercised the urgency provision set out at paragraph 3.7 Part 3 Schedule 10 of the Constitution.**

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
<b>1.1</b>	The Coronavirus Act 2020 became law on 25 March 2020 and subsequently the Government made the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which came into force on 4 April 2020. These regulations enable the Council to hold meetings using videoconference and teleconference facilities. Supplementary Standing Orders are required to provide further details regarding the way in which the Council will operate such meetings.
<b>1.2</b>	Due to other rules and regulations regarding social distancing and working from home unless essential together with protecting those in the vulnerable category it is not possible to hold Council meetings in the usual way. An emergency decision under the Chief Executive's delegated powers was

	required to approve the Supplementary Standing Orders to allow for the use of videoconference and teleconference facilities in Council meetings.
<b>1.3</b>	The Chief Executive made a decision (attached to this report with supplementary standing orders) to enable this on 30 April 2020 having first consulted with Group Leaders and subsequently obtained the approval of the Borough Treasurer and Section 151 Officer, and the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer. This decision was communicated to Members on 5 May 2020 and it was confirmed that it would be presented to the next available meeting of Full Council.