

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Officer Urgent Decision - Record

Powers of the Chief Executive, Cambridge City Council-delegation to the Strategic Directors

Decision(s) taken:	To delegate the direct powers and duties of the Chief Executive as set out in the Council's Constitution to Strategic Director 1 and 2 when the Chief Executive is indisposed for any reason and any decision cannot be unreasonably delayed.
Decision of:	Chief Executive
Date of decision:	25 March 2020
Matter for Decision:	It is important that the city council can continue to function in the absence of the Chief Executive and that the correct authority is in place to permit the Council's Strategic Directors to take action when and if required.
Any alternative options considered and rejected:	-
Reason(s) for the decision including any background papers considered:	An urgent decision under paragraph 2 of section 9, Council Procedure Rules was necessary as there are no meetings of the Council, Civic Affairs Committee or Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee within a reasonable timeframe and taking into account the current national situation it is unclear when this could be possible.
Conflicts of interest and dispensations granted by the Chief Executive:	None.
Other Comments:	The Council's scheme of delegation to officers is set out in section 9 of Part 3, Discharge of council functions. There are specific references in this and in other parts of the Council's Constitution where decision making power, authority or responsibility rests with the post of Chief Executive. For the avoidance of doubt, this decision confirms that if the Chief Executive is indisposed for any reason, and for a period that means a decision cannot be delayed, the City Council's Strategic Directors 1 and 2 are authorised to act. The Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition Group, the Chair and spokesperson of the Civic Affairs Committee were all consulted and supported the proposed decision.
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