**Annex 2 to report on item 10: Report on decisions taken under Part 9.3(b) of the Constitution.**

The following decision was taken by the Head of Paid Service (Chief

Executive) using the emergency powers set out in the Council’s Constitution after the report on item 10 was published in the Annual Council agenda pack.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 8 | To revert back to the Council’s normal constitutional arrangements following the adoption of a business continuity version of the Constitution on 31 March 2020 |
| **Decision:** To revert back to the Council’s normal constitutional arrangements undoing the constitutional changes adopted using emergency powers on 31 March 2020.The business continuity version of the Constitution is no longer in force and the Council is again operating under the Constitution as agreed by Council on 27 January 2020.For clarity the business continuity provisions adopted on 31 March 2020 that are no longer in force as a result of this decision are:a. Authorise the Chief Executive to cancel and to call meetings of Council without consultation (Parts 11.5 and 11.6).b. Authorise the Head of Law and Governance to cancel and to call meetings of non-executive committees and sub- committees without consultation, including cancelling meetings where there would be sufficient business for a meeting to take place (Parts 13.4 & 14.6).c. Clarify the arrangements for single Cabinet Member decision making, should the Leader choose to delegate any executive decisions currently reserved to Cabinet to individual Cabinet Members.d. Authorise the Head of Planning Services to determine planning applications normally reserved to area planning committees (Part 5.3) in accordance with a protocol (Appendix 2), until such a time as meetings can be convened.f. Authorise the Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety to determine all licensing applications (Parts 5.6 and 5.7) with the exception of any applications that require a hearing and cannot be delegated in law, until such a time as meetings can be convened.Note: the decision was taken to lift the suspension of call in procedures (change “e” in the original decision) on 1 May 2020. |
| **Date decision made:** | 20 May 2020  |
| **Date decision published:** | 20 May 2020  |
| **Decision taker** | Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) |
| **Is this a Key Decision?:** | No  |
| **Alternative options considered:** | To leave the current temporary arrangements in place. As the Council is now operating remote meetings those temporary arrangements are no longer considered necessary. |
| **Wards affected** | None |
| **Declared conflict of interest:** | None |