

URGENT DECISIONS

Head of Service:	Victoria Potts, Interim Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration
Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	N/A
Appendices (attached):	None

Summary

To report to this committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The Scheme of Delegation paragraph 3.1 since the last Environment Committee on 13 June 2023.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) **To note the urgent decisions taken and the reasons for those decisions, since the last Environment Committee on 13 June 2023.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To report to this committee the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The Scheme of Delegation paragraph 3.1.

2 Background

- 2.1 Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The scheme of delegation sets out at Paragraph 3.1 that the Chief Executive and Directors are authorised to take decisions on grounds of urgency regarding matters which would otherwise be reserved for determination by a Committee or Council. A matter can be deemed urgent if, in the reasonable opinion of the officer concerned, a delay would seriously prejudice the interest of the Council or of the public and it is not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of the relevant decision-making body in sufficient time to take the decision.

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- 2.2 Since the last meeting of the Environment Committee held on 13 June 2023, two urgent decisions have been taken by the Interim Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, Cllr John Beckett. These are set out below.
- 2.3 Decision 1 – To approve a temporary stand by scheme for waste services to be implemented on 18 September 2023.
- 2.4 Urgency reason 1 – To enable waste services to operate business-as-usual during a period where staffing shortages are affecting the Council’s ability to deliver the full service.
- 2.5 Decision 2 – a) To enter into a contract with a local business to offer a bespoke parking offer for a trial period of 6 months. b) To agree a variation to the permit charge for the Ashley Centre for a period of 6 months, for a maximum of 5 users at any one time, up to 18 permits to support District Nurses.
- 2.6 Urgency reason 2 – To give certainty to and support the organisations subject to these proposals.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 3.1.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.3 Safeguarding
 - 3.3.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.4 Dependencies
 - 3.4.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.5 Other
 - 3.5.1 None arising from this report.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Decision 1 – To run the service for a 13-week period, this will have an additional cost of approximately£88,000 which will be funded from existing budgets within this Committee.

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4.2 Decision 2 - These two proposals will contribute towards achieving existing car parking income targets.

4.3 Financial implications are included within each decision form.

4.4 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 Decision 1 – none arising.

5.2 Decision 2 – none arising.

5.3 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged by the urgent decisions taken:

- To strengthen the Council's financial independence.
- To encourage and support business creation and growth.
- To work with partners to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities, focusing in particular on those who are most vulnerable.

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None arising from this report.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None arising from this report.

6.5 **Partnerships:** Not applicable to this report.

7 Background papers

7.1 There are no relevant background papers. The decisions have been reported in Members News.