

DECISION NOTICE

COMMITTEE: Executive

DATE: Wednesday, 2 June 2021

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CALL-IN PERIOD TO EXPIRE ON: Midnight on Monday, 14 June 2021

In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 the following decisions are subject to the 5 working days call-in period unless stated otherwise. Decisions which are “called in” will be dealt with in accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of the Council’s Constitution. Decisions which are not “called in” under the Scrutiny Procedure Rules will be incorporated within the Minutes and will be subject to approval at the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

Officer Key: CE - Chief Executive
 BS - Borough Solicitor
 HComS - Head of Community Services
 HCorS - Head of Corporate Services
 HDemS - Head of Democratic Services
 HDS - Head of Development Services
 HF&AM - Head of Finance and Asset Management

ITEM 6	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN	ACTION
	<p>RESOLVED: That the Committee’s Forward Plan be NOTED.</p>	
	Subject to call-in period - No - Item to Note.	

ITEM 7	LOCAL AUTHORITY REMOTE MEETINGS: GOVERNMENT CALL FOR EVIDENCE	ACTION
	<p>RESOLVED: That the Council’s response to the consultation entitled Local Authority Remote Meetings: Call for Evidence be delegated to the Borough Solicitor, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, taking account of the Committee’s discussion, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete the first bullet point in response to Q5 and replace with wording to indicate that Members missed the informal exchanges they were able to have when meeting in person. • Expand on the point that members of the public had encountered some issues with accessing Zoom meetings when speaking at Committee. • Include reference to there being additional costs of remote meetings as well as savings. 	BS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect both sides of the arguments for and against hybrid meetings e.g. improved work/life balance / not always conducive to individual domestic circumstances of participants. • While there was no evidence that some Members were not participating in remote meetings in the same way they would if the meetings were held in person, there was concern expressed that there may be reticence on the part of some Members to participate. • The Council had moved to a recorded vote by default which was not the right thing from a Constitutional point of view but also it lengthened the meeting process considerably. 	
	<p>Subject to call-in period - No - Decision taken as urgent as defined in Scrutiny Rule of Procedure 15.1 because there would be insufficient time for the completion of the call-in process before the consultation deadline.</p>	

ITEM 8	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW	ACTION
	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the commencement of a Boroughwide Community Governance Review be AGREED. 2. That the draft Terms of Reference, attached to the report at Appendix 1, be APPROVED. 3. That a Community Governance Review Working Group consisting of seven Members be established, with those Members being nominated by Group Leaders, and that authority to determine the membership of the Working Group be delegated to the Borough Solicitor, in consultation with the Leader of the Council. 	BS
	<p>Subject to call-in period - Yes - No action to be taken prior to the expiry of the call-in period.</p>	

ITEM 9	WELCOME BACK FUND	ACTION
	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That authority be delegated to the Head of Development Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make the decisions needed to develop and implement the action plan arising from the Welcome Back Fund, or subsequent funds, or vary it in response to circumstances which may arise as a consequence of the need to re-open the local economy safely, support social distancing or respond to business intelligence, including the authority to enter into agreements, notices and other legal documents as necessary.</p>	HDS
	<p>Subject to call-in period - Yes - No action to be taken prior to the expiry of the call-in period.</p>	

ITEM 10	DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY POWERS - HERITAGE ACTION ZONE FUNDING	ACTION
	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the decision taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lead Members for Community, Economic Development/Promotion and Built Environment, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be NOTED.</p>	
	<p>Subject to call-in period - No - Item to Note.</p>	