
Report of Urgent Action

- 1** The Council is asked to note the following action taken by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Chairman.

Changes to the Constitution: April 2020

To reflect recently published government regulations that allow local authorities to run formal meetings virtually during the current public health emergency, new Standing Orders were required. A new section of Standing Orders, section 11, for immediate use by the County Council for it to conduct formal business through virtual means such as telephone conferences during the public health emergency was therefore approved.

There was also a need to remove the Adoption Panel from the Council's Constitution as members no longer sit on the Panel.

Changes to the Constitution: May 2020

Following from the changes to the Constitution agreed in April, further clarification of the temporary legislation and learning from the first meetings using virtual methods identified additional areas of best practice which were incorporated into the new Section 11 in Standing Orders.

Changes to the Constitution: June 2020

Additions were made to Section 11 of Standing Orders to cover the content and conduct of the virtual meeting of the County Council to be held on 17 July 2020.

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Background papers

[Decision published on 14 April 2020](#)

[Decision published on 1 May 2020](#)

[Decision published on 24 June 2020](#)