

DECISION NO:	<i>For Member Services use only</i>
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Concurrence No:	066388
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Action under delegated authority of Chief Executive	
Action under delegated authority of Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Finance	
Action taken by Chief Executive in consultation with Cabinet Member(s)	X

Subject: Planning and Regulatory Committee Decision – Salisbury Road,
Hoddesdon - Emergency Powers

Signature and designation of officer(s) taking action:

Chief Executive	Date 30/3/20	Director of Finance	Date
		Head of Finance	Date

**Name of Cabinet Member(s)
Consulted:**

I have been consulted and concur with
the proposals set out below:

Councillor L Cocking

Leader of the Council

Councillor

Cabinet Member for

Signature: Date: 30/3/20

Signature: Date:

Name of any member who has declared a
conflict of interest in relation to this decision:

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Offices and on the Council's website, for a period of six years after the
decision is made. Background papers are available for four years.**

Under normal circumstances, the decision outlined below would have been taken at the meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee on 25 March 2020. Under Part 3C (Responsibility for Functions, Scheme of Delegation to Officers) of the Council's Constitution the Chief Executive, in cases of emergency or urgency (where possible in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council), has power to carry out any Council or Cabinet function, power or duty. Due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Covid-19 it has been deemed necessary that the Council invoke its emergency powers.

Decisions

(a) Part 3C – Council Constitution - Scheme of Delegation to Officers

Under Part 3C of the Council Constitution, which sets out the scheme of delegation to officers, the Head of Planning and Development is required to refer to the Planning and Regulatory Committee all major, contentious or marginal items to that Committee for decision.

In accordance with that provision Planning Application 07/19/1025/F, for the demolition of existing building and erection of 7 No. 3 bed 3 storey terraced houses with associated parking and private gardens at the Brethrens Meeting Room, Salisbury Road, Hoddesdon, was scheduled to be considered by the Committee on 25 March 2020 but due to the Covid-19 national emergency preventing public gatherings, the meeting was cancelled.

Therefore, in accordance with the powers in Part 3C of the Constitution delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with Leader of the Council, the following decision was made:

AGREED that the requirement in the Constitution for the above application to be considered by the Planning and Regulatory Committee be waived.

(b) Determination of Planning Application No 07/19/1025/F

In the light of the decision in (b) above and the cancellation of the Planning and Regulatory Committee on 25 March 2020, the following decision was taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with Leader of the Council, under the emergency powers in Part 3C of the Constitution;

AGREED that under the Town and County Planning Act 1990 the Planning Application 07/19/1025/F be granted.

Financial, Legal and Risk Management Implications

There are no legal, risk or financial implications as Part 3C of the Council's Constitution allows for the Chief Executive to carry out any Council, Cabinet or committee function under its emergency powers.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Due to the circumstances surrounding Coronavirus COVID-19 no other options are viable in order to continue the functions of the Council, the Cabinet and the Council's committees.

Contribution to the Council's Objectives

Enacting the powers under Part 3C of the Constitution allow the Council, Cabinet and the Council's committee functions to continue.

Conclusion

Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus Covid-19 it has been deemed necessary to invoke the powers under Part 3C of the Council's Constitution to allow the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to carry out the functions of the Council, the Cabinet and the Council's committees.

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Date: 30 March 2020

Action reported to the Planning and
Regulatory Committee on:
