

<b>DECISION NO:</b>	<i>For Member Services use only</i>
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Concurrence No:	066387
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<b>Action under delegated authority of Chief Executive</b>	
<b>Action under delegated authority of Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Finance</b>	
<b>Action taken by Chief Executive in consultation with Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>X</b>

Subject: Cabinet Decisions, March 2020 – Emergency Powers

Signature and designation of officer(s) taking action:

Chief Executive	Date	Director of Finance	Date
	27/03/20		
		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: 27/03/20

Signature:

Date:

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

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The report overleaf sets out the decision to be taken, the reasons for the decision, and the details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected.

Officer decisions are available for public inspection, both at the Borough 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 decisions outlined below would have been taken at the Cabinet meeting of 24 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 to make these decisions.

## **Decisions**

### **1. CHESHUNT OLD POND STRATEGY**

**Agreed that the draft Cheshunt Old Pond Strategy be approved.**

### **2. CATERING SERVICES AT LAURA TROTT LEISURE CENTRE AND JOHN WARNER SPORTS CENTRE**

**Agreed that the Catering Services at Laura Trott Leisure Centre and John Warner Sports Centre be awarded to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd.**

### **3. LOWEWOOD MUSEUM**

**Agreed that:**

- (a) a Museum Trust be established to enable a group of volunteers to run a museum service;**
- (b) options for funding the creation of the Trust be explored;**
- (c) the Lowewood building be leased to the Trust at a peppercorn rent with the Council being responsible for significant maintenance issues;**
- (d) the Director of Finance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Services be authorised to make such arrangements and agreements as are necessary to enable access, training and continued accreditation and the operation of the museum under the Trust;**
- (e) the Council has first refusal to acquire any artefacts that the Trust intends to dispose of; and**
- (f) if the Trust is not established, or subsequently fails, the museum be closed.**

### **4. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

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**Agreed that the revised arrangements for meetings of the Scrutiny Committee commencing from the 2020/21 municipal year be approved and reported to the next meeting of the Council.**

## **5. HOPE NURSERY**

**Agreed that:**

- (a) the acquisition of the land known as Hope Nursery be approved;**
- (b) the development of the site for a pilot scheme for six self-build plots be approved; and**
- (c) the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, agree the terms of the contract with the vendor including the overage clause.**

### **Financial, Legal and Risk Management Implications**

There are no legal risk implications as Part 3C of the Council's Constitution allows for the Chief Executive to carry out any Council or Cabinet 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 and Cabinet.

### **Contribution to the Council's Objectives**

Enacting the powers under Part 3C of the Constitution allow the Council and Cabinet 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 and Cabinet.

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Date: 26 March 2020

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Action reported to the Cabinet on:

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