

DECISION NOTICE - CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY RELATED
Key Executive Decision taken by an OFFICER

KEY DECISION Subject: Allotment Communal
DECISION TAKER: Name: Richard Protheroe Job Title: Strategic Director Signature: Date:
REASON WHY THIS DECISION DID NOT APPEAR ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THE URGENCY PROVISIONS WERE NOT FOLLOWED: <p>This key decision was taken as part of the Council's emergency response to the national Coronavirus Emergency. Due to the necessary speed of decision taking at this time it was not possible to comply with the Council's Constitution that includes the requirement to give 28 days' notice of the decision to be taken; publish details 5 clear days before the decision was taken; publish the decision within 2 days of it being taken; and provide the 5 day call-in period before implementation. Nor was it possible to comply with the Urgency provisions in the Constitution</p>
DECISION TAKEN: <p>Allotments remain open for residents who wish to cultivate their plots as their form of exercise. Signage has been placed around the allotments to remind users the need for social distancing, to refrain from sharing tools and to regularly wash their hands. Communal facilities, such as club houses and toilets, were closed from 30/03/20.</p>
REASONS FOR DECISION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To minimise the risk of spreading the virus through contact with surfaces. • To discourage gatherings that breach social distancing rules.
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: <p>Closure of allotments was considered but is not currently recommended, subject to appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures.</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: <p>None identified</p>
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

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None identified

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

EIA screening identified no differential adverse impact as follows:

Characteristic	Differential Impact
Age	None
Disability	None
Gender	None
Gender re-assignment	None
Marriage or civil partnership	None
Pregnancy or maternity	None
Race	None
Religion	None
Sexual orientation	None

CONSULTATIONS:

SBC internal COVID Business Continuity Cell - concur
Strategic Leadership Team - concur
Council Leader (Sharon Taylor) and Portfolio Holder (John Gardiner) - concur

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

I agree that this decision was reasonable in all the circumstances, was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred

I further agree that any delay likely to be caused by the call -in process would prejudice the Council's or the public interest and that the decision should not therefore be subject to call-in.

Signed:

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date:

DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION: 30/03/20