

DECISION NOTICE - CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY RELATED
Key Executive Decision taken by an OFFICER**KEY DECISION Subject:** Caretaking Service**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:**

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.

DECISION TAKEN:

Essential caretaking services will continue as normal. These include health and safety checks and high priority reactive tasks such as collecting fly tipping or removal of drug paraphernalia.

General cleaning of communal areas will continue as allowed by staff availability.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- To ensure a safe environment for residents.
- To ensure the available resources are used to deliver high priority services.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

Higher frequency cleaning of frequently touched surfaces such as hand rails has been considered. This has been rejected as an ineffective use of resources as the impact on cleanliness would be limited and it may result in a false sense of security for residents. This in turn may result in less frequent hand washing and an overall negative impact.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None identified

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None identified

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

EIA screening identified no differential adverse impact as follows:

Characteristic	Differential Impact
Age	None
Disability	None
Gender or	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: 24/03/20