

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE
(VIRTUAL MEETING)

10.00am 31 MARCH 2020

HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Note: The Decision List details the decisions agreed by the Urgency Sub-Committee which will be given effect by the appropriate Executive Director.

Part One

2 ROYAL PAVILION AND MUSEUMS - EXTENDING THE TRANSITION INTO TRUST

Contact Officer: *Ian Shurrock, Donna Chisholm* *Tel: 01273 292084,*
Ward Affected: *All Wards*

- (1) That it be noted that the impact of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has resulted in the closure of the Royal Pavilion & Museums until further notice;
- (2) That the transition period for the Royal Pavilion & Museums to move into Trust from 1st April 2020 be extended to the 1st October 2020, a period of six months;
- (3) That in accordance with the decision of Policy & Resources Committee on 19th March 2020, it be noted that the decisions above will be given effect to by the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture; and
- (4) That it be noted that a further extension of the move to Trust to 1st April 2021 may be necessary if coronavirus (Covid-19) continues to constrain the visitor economy to the extent that cultural assets are unable to reopen by 1st October 2020.

3 COVID-19 DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES

Contact Officer: Mark Wall
Ward Affected: All Wards

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- (1) That the designation of the officers listed in paragraph 3.5 of the report for the purpose of the enforcement of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 to the extent permitted by those Regulations and recommend its implementation by the relevant Chief Officers be agreed; and
- (2) That, it be noted that in accordance with the powers delegated to officers by Policy & Resources Committee on 19th March, the above will be given effect to by the Executive Director for Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities and other relevant Chief Officers.

4 COVID19 - FINANCIAL RESPONSE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell
Ward Affected: All Wards

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- (1) That the use and allocation of the Hardship Fund and Emergency Response Fund as set out in paragraphs 4.2 to 4.4 and 4.10 of the report be approved;
- (2) That the progress regarding the application of Business Rate reliefs and distribution of government Business Rate grants be noted;
- (3) That it be agreed to pause new General Fund Capital Programme schemes as defined in paragraph 5.14 of the report until a further report is brought to the Policy & Resources Committee in July;
- (4) That the expenditure incurred to date using Officer Urgency Powers set out in Section 5 of the report be noted;
- (5) That the progress and approach to meeting the requirements of the Cabinet Officer Procurement Policy Note as set out in Section 5 of the report be noted;
- (6) That it be noted that the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Culture, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Executive Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Communities, will take all steps necessary to develop a process for identifying and supporting commercial tenants in council-owned properties who present in financial difficulty and bring a report to Members where necessary or use Officer urgency powers where more appropriate;

- (7) That the work being undertaken to understand the risks and issues and potential support required for the city's events and arts sector be noted;
- (8) That the proposed payment of Casual Staff and the extension of full pay sickness absence cover as set out in paragraphs 5.26 and 5.28 of the report be agreed;
- (9) That it be agreed that any exceptional costs arising from the crisis that have been incurred using appropriate governance routes, including officer urgency powers, that are over and above available government emergency response funding will be a call on the council's working balance and, if this is insufficient, other earmarked reserves; and
- (10) That it be noted that in accordance with the powers delegated to officers by Policy & Resources Committee on 19th March, the above will be given effect to by the relevant Officers.