

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 24 March 2021
Report for: Decision
Report of: Monitoring Officer

Report Title

Extension of Emergency Amendments to the Council's Constitution

Summary

This report proposes an extension to a number of temporary changes to the Constitution which were agreed by Council on 18 March 2020 and were intended to be only used when strictly necessary and were to be in place for as long as was required to respond to the Coronavirus situation.

Recommendations

That the Council approves an extension of the emergency provisions to the Council's Constitution previously approved on 18 March 2020 on the basis that, unless the provisions are subsequently renewed or cancelled, they will become inoperable and shall cease to have effect three months from the date of this decision (24 June 2021).

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Background Papers:

None

Implications:

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| Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities | The Constitution supports the ability of the Council to function lawfully, transparently and accountably to deliver services in accordance with the Policy Framework and the wider Corporate Priorities |
| Relationship to GM Policy or Strategy Framework | None |
| Financial | None |
| Legal Implications: | The legal framework and associated implications are detailed in the report. |
| Equality/Diversity Implications | None |
| Sustainability Implications | None |
| Carbon Reduction | None |
| Resource Implications e.g. Staffing / ICT / Assets | None |
| Risk Management Implications | None |
| Health & Wellbeing Implications | None |
| Health and Safety Implications | None |

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Council at its meeting on 18 March 2020 agreed that new urgent provisions were necessary to enable the Council to continue to operate speedily and effectively during the pandemic emergency. At the time they were intended to have effect for a calendar year but as the country is still affected by the Covid-19 virus and remains subject to restrictions and government regulations which continue to impact on the Council's ability to hold meetings under normal arrangements an extension is sought to the Council's emergency Constitutional arrangements.
- 1.2 The report to the meeting on 18 March 2020 detailing the changes and their rationale is attached as an appendix. Other than noting the following amendments to the list of responsible officers as a result of changes within the Council over the past year, no other changes to the provisions are proposed and it is proposed that the changes will remain in force for a further 3 months.

| Committee | Responsible Person |
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| Accounts & Audit Committee | Director of Finance & Systems |
| Employment Committee | Corporate Director of Strategy & Resources |
| STAR Joint Committee | Director of Finance & Systems |