

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

DECISION(S) TAKEN BY: PAUL SATOOR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ON: 17 TO 24 MARCH 2020

SUBJECT: DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER CORONAVIRUS CONTINGENCY PLANNING PROCEDURES, 17 TO 24 MARCH 2020

Under the new Coronavirus Contingency Planning Procedures, as approved by the Leader of the Council, the executive (Leader and Cabinet) priorities of the Council are amended to simply be:

- (i) preservation of life;
- (ii) supporting the vulnerable;
- (iii) safeguarding children; and
- (iv) aiding the Borough's businesses and economy

during this period that contingency planning is required to respond to an emergency situation and manage the effects of a covid-19 epidemic.

In view of the Leader's decision to agree that

- (i) the Head of Paid Service is authorised to take any action in furtherance of the priorities set out above, acting in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet member and/or Group Leaders wherever it is reasonable and practicable in the opinion of the Head of Paid Service to do so; and
- (ii) the Head of Paid Service and each Director is authorised to take any action that officer consider is reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of individuals.

The following decisions have been made:

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NO.	DATE	DECISION
1	17/03/2020	Temporary closure of the Floral from 18/03/20
2	18/03/2020	Decision to cease bailiffs to residents for Council tax
3	18/03/2020	Rent relief for Birkenhead Market traders for next 3 months
4	18/03/2020	Closure of the Williamson and the Priory museums
5	18/03/2020	Closure to the public of the Wirral archives
6	19/03/2020	Closure of all Council leisure centres
7	19/03/2020	Closure of all libraries
8	19/03/2020	Closure of all youth clubs, and playschemes
9	19/03/2020	Investment of £200k, £120k p/a thereafter for digital solution to enable working from home

10	19/03/2020	Decision to close all but one One Stop Shop – Birkenhead to remain open
11	19/03/2020	Closure of Visitor Centres and ceasing all group activities in Parks and Countrysides
12	20/03/2020	Removal of all parking charges in Parks and Countrysides
13	20/03/2020	Ceasing school crossing patrol services from 23/03/20
14	20/03/2020	Service reduction – cease bulky waste collections, and defer new garden waste subscriptions
15	22/03/2020	Loan of £100k p/m, for 6 months, to support Age UK maintain critical service provision
16	22/03/2020	Loan of £95k to support The Chamber, to maintain critical business support services
17	23/03/2020	Closure of youth centres across the Borough - including The Hive
18	23/03/2020	2 out of the 5 Children's Centres in the Borough temporarily closed
19	24/03/2020	Postponing the contract award for construction/Tower Road contract
20	24/03/2020	Decision to postpone Northbank West Sustainable Transport project
21	24/03/2020	Closure of all children's play areas
22	24/03/2020	Closure of the golf courses
23	24/03/2020	Service reduction - cease non-critical road markings services in highways
24	24/03/2020	Reduced service provision for critical services only from Birkenhead One Stop Shop
25	24/03/2020	Closure of all public toilets
26	24/03/2020	Reduction in service in Youth Justice - emergency contact service only
27	24/03/2020	Reduction in service – weed control services to cease on highways
28	24/03/2020	Reduction in service – street cleansing to prioritise services
29	24/03/2020	Reduction in service - cease removal of non-offensive flyposting and graffiti
30	24/03/2020	Reduction in service – prioritisation of domestic refuse and recycling collections
31	24/03/2020	Closure of the Pedestrian Walkway at West Kirby Marine Lake
32	24/03/2020	Reduction in service – scaling back parking enforcement measures