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Dear Councillor

ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE DISCHARGE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

Please find attached details of a decision taken by the Leader of the Council to revoke arrangements made on 26 March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members of the public who require further information are asked to contact Kate Batty-Smith on 01304 872303 or by e-mail at democraticservices@dover.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Batty-Smith".

Democratic Services Officer

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1 **ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE DISCHARGE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS** (Pages 2 - 3)



COMMITTEE SECTION ONLY

Arrangement No: 03/20

Date: 5 June 2020

Arrangements Made by the Leader of the Council for the Discharge of Executive Functions under Section 9E (2) Local Government Act 2000 (as amended)

Schemes of Delegation of Executive Functions to Executive Members/Executive Committees/Officers

I hereby make arrangements for the discharge of the executive functions specified at Box A below and give notice to the Monitoring Officer that I have done so.

A. Specify the Arrangements being made:

To revoke the Arrangements made by the Leader of the Council on 26 March 2020 (Arrangement No 02/20) as a response to the COVID-19 health crisis.

B. Specify the date from which the arrangements/amendment(s) are to have effect:

From the date upon which the Leader signs this document.

C. State whether the arrangements/amendment(s) made affect executive members or officers:

These Arrangements affect executive members and officers.

D. State reasons for, and effect of, the arrangements/amendment(s):

On 26 March 2020 the Leader made arrangements for the discharge of executive functions as a temporary measure in response to the escalating COVID-19 health crisis for the purpose of ensuring that executive decisions could be made promptly in a dynamic situation. It was intended that those arrangements would expire 3 months from the date upon which they were made.

Subsequent to those arrangements having been made, the Local Authorities Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 were made and came into effect. These regulations made provision for local authority meetings to be legally held by remote attendance.

The Council now has in place robust technical infrastructure and procedures to allow executive business to be considered and decisions made substantially in accordance with its 'normal' governance arrangements, albeit by remote attendance of the decision-makers.

In view of the above it is considered that the temporary arrangements are no longer necessary and should be revoked.

The effect of these arrangements is to restore the arrangements for the discharge of executive functions to those that existed prior to 26 March 2020.

E. State whether, in the view of the Leader of the Council, the effect of the arrangements/amendment(s) is to withdraw delegations from the executive as a whole, a committee of the executive or an individual executive member (in any such case) to any significant extent:

These arrangements will withdraw delegations from individual executive members which were made as a short-term urgency measure.

F. State anticipated date of report to Council:

22 July 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Signed: _____
Leader of the Council

Dated: 5 June 2020