

DECISION NOTICE

Subject	Appointment of a Chair to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Status of Decision	Decision by the Chief Executive under Article 14.20.5 of the Constitution. Article 14.20.5 allows the Chief Executive to take decisions in relation to any of the Council's functions in cases of emergency.
Decision Maker	Kersten England, Chief Executive.
Material Considered as part of the Decision-making process	<p>Article 4.4.6 of the Constitution sets out that the Council alone may appoint chairs to committees. Article 14.20.5 allows the Chief Executive to take decisions in relation to any of the Council's functions in cases of emergency.</p> <p>With the onset of Covid-19, actual meetings of the Council had to be cancelled. This included the Council meeting on 17 March 2020.</p> <p>On 26 March 2020 the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 came into force which, amongst other matters, prohibited anyone leaving the place where they live without reasonable excuse. Legislative permission to hold virtual meetings only came into force on 4 April 2020.</p> <p>At the present time, no arrangements have been made for a virtual Council meeting as the technology is to be tested first in meetings of the Executive. This means that the Council are currently unable to appoint chairs to committees. This would leave the Overview and Scrutiny Committee without a chair, impacting the committee's ability to hold meetings.</p> <p>In these exceptional circumstances, the Chief Executive has made a decision under Article 14.20.5 of the Constitution to appoint a Chair to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This decision is required to ensure that the Overview and Scrutiny committee is able to hold meetings.</p> <p>Normally, a full Council approval would be required for this decision, but this is not possible at the present time.</p> <p>It is expected that council meetings will be held virtually from late summer and this decision will then be referred to full council for ratification.</p>
Decision	<p>To appoint a Chair for the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with Article 14.20.5 of the Constitution.</p> <p>The Labour Group nomination for the Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee is Councillor Kamran Hussain.</p>

Brief Summary of Rationale for Decision	As above.
Key Features and Risk Analysis	Without this decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would not have a Chair which would impact its ability to hold meetings.
Alternative Options	Not applicable.

Signed



Kersten England, Chief Executive

Dated 21st May 2020