

COMMITTEE	Council
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LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report brings before members two matters relating to Council business in the coming weeks.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Council resolves:-
- i. to note that the Chief Executive will bring to its meeting on 21st June 2017 a report on her use of emergency powers in relation to Kingsmead Nursing Home; and
 - ii. to agree that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to change the dates of the forthcoming meetings of the Housing Cases Review Sub-Committee, the Petitions Committee and the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee in order to clear the Council diary for 7th and 8th June 2017.

3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

Emergency Powers

- 3.1 At its meeting on 14th December 2016, the Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate Governance on Interim Revisions to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation (CG/16/155).
- 3.2 The Council agreed to amend the Scheme of Delegation by authorising the Chief Executive *to take any action on behalf of the Council which s/he considers necessary in the event of an emergency - with emergency defined in accordance with that detailed in the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 - on the basis that any such action shall be reported to the next meeting of the Council or relevant committee or sub-committee as an item on the agenda.*

- 3.3 On Friday 31st March 2017 the Chief Executive exercised these emergency powers in order to allow the Council, working with partners, to take over the running of the Kingsmead Nursing Home. The Care Inspectorate had that day informed the Chief Executive that it intended to seek a notice of cancellation of registration against the operator of the home. As a matter of urgency, arrangements were put in place to assume responsibility for the running of the home from 7.30 am on Saturday 1st April 2017.
- 3.4 Rather than have this substantive item on the agenda of the Statutory Meeting, the Chief Executive will bring to the Council at its meeting on 21st June 2017 her report as required in the delegation to her.

Council Diary

- 3.5 Members will be aware that a General Election has been called for Thursday 8th June. It is normal practice for the Council diary to be altered in light of major electoral events in recognition of the number of members who will be involved in campaigns and the number of officers involved in the delivery of the polls.
- 3.6 It is therefore suggested that the three meetings currently due to be held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th June (Housing Cases Review Sub-Committee, Petitions Committee and Finance, Policy and Resources Committee) be rescheduled to alternative dates in order to clear the Council diary for these days.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

- 6.1 The subject matter of the report deals solely with the timetabling of Council business.

7. IMPACT

- 7.1 This report has no direct impact on the delivery of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan or the Strategic Business Plan.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

9. APPENDICES

9.1 None

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