

Urgent Cabinet Recommendation from 30 June 2020 meeting

CAB142 **URGENT UPDATE TO STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO COVID 19**

Cabinet considered a report which presented draft amendments to the Standing Orders within the Borough Council's Constitution to reflect recent legislation enabling local authority meetings to be conducted remotely. The draft amendments were presented to the Corporate Performance Panel on 3 June 2020 which resolved the amendments be submitted to Cabinet with three identified changes, which were incorporated into Appendix 1 to the report.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Moriarty who had chaired the Corporate Performance Panel when they considered the item drew attention to the fact that the changes to the standing orders were a moveable feast. He drew attention to the fact that some people may need to be able to move around during a meeting but would still be present in the meeting so the Chair's discretion was vital.

RECOMMENDED: That the draft amendments to the Standing Orders attached as Appendix 1 be approved.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Borough Council's Standing Orders reflect the most up-to-date legislation and capture the key requirements for how the Borough Council will conduct its remote meetings.