

DECISION NOTICE - CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY RELATED
Key Executive Decision taken by an OFFICER

KEY DECISION Subject: Highway Verge Cutting

DECISION TAKER:

Name: Richard Protheroe

Job Title: Strategic Director

Signature:

Date:

REASON WHY THIS DECISION DID NOT APPEAR ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THE URGENCY PROVISIONS WERE NOT FOLLOWED:

This key decision was taken as part of the Council's emergency response to the national Coronavirus Emergency. Due to the necessary speed of decision taking at this time it was not possible to comply with the Council's Constitution that includes the requirement to give 28 days' notice of the decision to be taken; publish details 5 clear days before the decision was taken; publish the decision within 2 days of it being taken; and provide the 5 day call-in period before implementation. Nor was it possible to comply with the Urgency provisions in the Constitution

DECISION TAKEN:

Highway verge maintenance, including flower bed maintenance, was suspended on 26/03/20 with the exception of visibility spays.

Maintenance of sheltered housing land, cemeteries and open spaces will continue.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- To ensure resources are available for priority services.
- To ensure a safe working environment for staff.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

Continuation of this service was considered but was rejected given the available resources and the need to ensure staff comply with social distancing rules where practicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None identified

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None identified

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

EIA screening identified no differential adverse impact as follows:

Characteristic	Differential Impact
Age	None (sheltered housing land will continue to be maintained)
Disability	None
Gender	None
Gender re-assignment	None
Marriage or civil partnership	None
Pregnancy or maternity	None
Race	None
Religion	None
Sexual orientation	None

CONSULTATIONS:

SBC internal COVID Business Continuity Cell - concur
Strategic Leadership Team - concur
Council Leader (Sharon Taylor) and Portfolio Holder (John Gardiner) - concur

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

I agree that this decision was reasonable in all the circumstances, was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred

I further agree that any delay likely to be caused by the call -in process would prejudice the Council's or the public interest and that the decision should not therefore be subject to call-in.

Signed:

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date:

DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION: 26/03/20