

7. COVID-19: PUBLIC INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS - SUSPENSION OF DUTIES

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Governance Manager asking members to review and extend the temporary suspension of statutory duties to make documents open to the public for physical inspection and copying.

It was recommended that Council Executive: -

1. Note the powers given to the council to provide alternative means of access to documents instead of complying with statutory duties to allow physical access for inspection and copying.
2. Note that the temporary suspension of these duties in relation to the documents listed in the appendix was last implemented through Council Executive on 6 October 2020, with an undertaking to review the position before 31 March 2021.
3. Extend the suspension during any prolonged coronavirus emergency period until 30 September 2021 of the duties listed in the appendix, with full compliance resuming if and when the emergency period ends.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report