

Reference Number: 2020/CEO Emergency Powers/21

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Re-scheduling of Annual General Meeting and continuation of Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the County Council until the AGM

This record is produced in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

This form should be used to record:

- EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and
- EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)
- A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-
 - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or
 - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to
 - grant a permission or licence;
 - affect the rights of an individual; or
 - award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.

(One form per decision)

The following decision has been taken: -

That:

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the County Council postponed from 13 May 2020 be rescheduled for 22 July 2020.
- b) The current Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council continue in office until the Annual General Meeting on 22 July 2020.

By whom: Richard Flinton, Chief Executive Officer, under his emergency delegated powers and in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

On: 13 May 2020

Was this an executive decision?

YES/NO

If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?

YES/NO

Please note that this decision was treated under the Special Urgency procedure and call-in has been exempted from this decision by the Chairman of the County Council (under blanket exemption dated 26 April 2020) under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(h).

Reasons for decision: -

On 7 April 2020 the Chief Executive Officer agreed, as part of his decision-making under his emergency delegated powers and in consultation with Executive Members (Decision Record 2020/CEO Emergency Powers/14), that:

- i. The Annual General Meeting of the Council that was scheduled for 13 May 2020 be postponed. The situation to be kept under review, depending upon the progress of the pandemic and rescheduled for either 22 July 2020 or 18 November 2020, such decision to be made by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated powers in consultation with the Executive.
- ii. All current appointments be rolled on until the Annual General Meeting is held.
- iii. The appointment process for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to be reviewed and a decision to be made at a future consultation meeting.

That decision was taken to remove the requirement for an Annual General Meeting to be held as permitted under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 during the Covid19 pandemic, to ensure democratic openness and accountability in decision making, but also taking account of the officer work involved in preparing for committee meetings and the other more important use of their time during the pandemic.

The decision taken by the Chief Executive Officer on 13 May 2020 further implements the decisions taken by the Chief Executive Officer on 7 April 2020.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

Conflicts of Interest

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?

Background Papers

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed
RICHARD FLINTON, Chief Executive Officer

Publication Date: 14 May 2020

Directorate – Central Services

Note 1 regarding Executive decisions only: This decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days after publication, unless any 6 members of the Council object to it and call it in by notice in writing (including e-mail) to The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).

Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.

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To: The PA to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) - for onward circulation to:

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