

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the virtual meeting of the
Council of the Borough held at 7.00 pm on 20 July 2020

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Hannah Gray**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Stephen Wells**

Councillors

Marina Ahmad	Peter Fortune	Keith Onslow
Vanessa Allen	Kira Gabbert	Tony Owen
Graham Arthur	Will Harmer	Angela Page
Kathy Bance MBE	Christine Harris	Chris Pierce
Yvonne Bear	Colin Hitchins	Neil Reddin FCCA
Julian Benington	Samaris Huntington-	Michael Rutherford
Nicholas Bennett MA J.P.	Thresher	Colin Smith
Kim Botting FRSA	William Huntington-	Diane Smith
Mike Botting	Thresher	Gary Stevens
Katy Boughey	Simon Jeal	Melanie Stevens
Mark Brock	David Jefferys	Harry Stranger
Kevin Brooks	Charles Joel	Kieran Terry
Mary Cooke	Josh King	Michael Tickner
Aisha Cuthbert	Kate Lymer	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Peter Dean	Christopher Marlow	Michael Turner
Ian Dunn	Robert Mcilveen	Angela Wilkins
Nicky Dykes	Russell Mellor	
Judi Ellis	Alexa Michael	
Simon Fawthrop	Peter Morgan	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Hannah Gray

197 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gareth Allatt, David Cartwright, Robert Evans and Richard Scoates; apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Will Rowlands.

198 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

**199 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
24th February and 13th May 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2020 be confirmed.

200 Questions

Eleven questions had been received from members of the public for written reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

Four questions had been received from members of the Council for oral reply, although two were withdrawn. The questions, with the replies given, are set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

Two questions had been received from members of the Council for written reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix C to these minutes.

201 Statements

Two statements had been requested as follows –

(A) From the Leader of the Council on the operation of the Covid-19 arrangements for the conduct of Council business and decision-making (requested by Councillors Ian Dunn, Simon Jeal and Angela Wilkins.)

The Leader made the following statement -

“I will go back to my answer, which is that the current operating arrangements are as set out within the Urgency Committee papers for the meetings held on 19th March and 6th May. The Council’s chief legal officer remains on a standing brief to advise me immediately were the government legislation to change permitting a return to the previous physical committee meeting system which I, for one, would prefer to see happen at the earliest possible safe opportunity. The chief legal officer’s latest advice has just been circulated for appending to this evening’s minutes.” (see Appendix D.)

Responding to questions and comments from Councillors Dunn, Fawthrop, Wilkins, Jeal, Bennett, Kim Botting and Graham Arthur, the Leader repeated that he wanted to see a return to real meetings, and if necessary the numbers of Members attending the larger meetings could be reduced on a proportionate basis by agreement. He had pressed the borough’s three Conservative MPs to urge the Government to allow physical Council meetings. He confirmed that any decisions to shut down businesses in the

event of a further Covid-19 outbreak would be taken by officers in conjunction with himself or the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement. He stated that all decisions he had taken had been scrutinised by PDS Committees and Executive Members were encouraged to share their views. He thanked Council staff for their efforts in keeping residents safe and allowing Council services to continue to operate.

(B) From the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement, Councillor Kate Lymer, on whether, in the light of a third murder in three years in the vicinity of Penge Recreation Ground, she was willing to review an increase in CCTV and lighting (requested by Councillors Kathy Bance and Angela Wilkins.)

The Portfolio Holder made the following statement:

“I was deeply saddened to hear of the horrific murder of Dean Edwards, and of an alleged serious sexual assault at two different parks in Penge the weekend before last - one of which occurred in the early hours of Sunday morning the second alleged incident in the very early hours of Monday morning.

In regards to the suggestions from the Labour Group to increase lighting and put CCTV in parks, my position is unchanged. The main pathways in both of these parks are lit, and we would not seek to encourage further usage of our parks after dark. That is why we lock the majority of our parks at night-time. And with regards to CCTV in parks, it is impossible to cover a whole park with cameras, they could always easily be avoided by those who wish to, which is why we have many CCTV cameras on the main roads and thoroughfares in Penge instead.

To date, all Police Borough Commanders and subsequent Heads of Bromley Police that have served Bromley Borough over the past few years have not supported the calls for additional CCTV or lighting in parks at this time. It is a topic I discuss with them on a regular basis, including as recently as yesterday.”

In response to questions and comments from Councillors Wilkins, Dunn, Brooks, Allen, Bance, Tickner and Benington, the Portfolio Holder stated that senior Police officers had never requested additional CCTV or lighting (although the latter was different to what local teams were saying.) She advised that residents should avoid going into the Park after dark, and parks were locked after dark wherever possible. Many of these incidents had occurred in the middle of the night. There were cameras across the area including near the entrances to the parks and she was happy to review these locations. She had been informed that extra patrols were taking place at the times of the incidents (between midnight and 2am) and reassurance patrols were still on-going. She suggested that if funding was a concern the Mayor for London should be lobbied.

202 Budget Monitoring 2019/20: New Homes Bonus - Housing Investment Fund
Report CSD20075

A motion to agree that a sum of £2,531k for New Homes Bonus be set aside as a contribution to the Housing Investment Fund reserve was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

203 Housing Revenue Account
Report CSD20076

A motion to approve the setting up of a Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the provision of affordable housing was moved by Councillor Peter Morgan, seconded by Councillor Michael Rutherford and **CARRIED**.

204 Safer Bromley Partnership Strategy Update
Report CSD20077

A motion to formally adopt the updated Bromley Community Safety Partnership strategy was moved by Councillor Kate Lymer, seconded by Councillor Chris Pierce and **CARRIED**.

205 Planning Protocol
Report CSD20080

A motion to adopt the Local Planning Protocol (as updated by Development Control Committee on 14th July 2020) as part of the Council's Constitution was moved by Councillor Alexa Michael, seconded by Councillor Yvonne Bear and **CARRIED**.

206 Health and Wellbeing Board - Annual Report 2019/20
Report CSD20079

A motion to receive and note the Health and Wellbeing Board's annual report for 2019/20 was moved by Councillor David Jefferys, seconded by Councillor Kate Lymer and **CARRIED**.

207 SACRE Annual Report 2018/19
Report CSD20078

A motion to receive and note the SACRE annual report for 2018/19 was moved by Councillor David Jefferys, seconded by Councillor Keith Onslow and **CARRIED**.

208 Councillor Attendance 2019/20
Report CSD20081

In accordance with the agreed procedure, a report was received summarising Members' attendance at meetings during the 2019/20 Council year.

209 To consider Motions of which notice has been given.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Colin Smith and seconded by Councillor Mary Cooke –

“This Council, wishes to place on record, our profound thanks, gratitude and admiration for the unstinting work and bravery of all local front line workers throughout the Covid crisis.

NHS, Care Sector, Blue light services, Council staff and its contractors, Teachers and school staff, Transport Workers, essential retailers, HM Armed forces, the Borough’s 4,500 volunteers and others too numerous to mention. You have been a lifeline to many and an inspiration to us all.

You have shown Bromley at its finest and we thank you on behalf of every single resident.”

The motion was **CARRIED** unanimously.

210 The Mayor’s announcements and communications.

The Mayor reported that she had held her first charity event – a virtual Pimms O’Clock Afternoon Tea on 11th July. The event had been very successful and had raised over £500 for her two charities.

A charity fireworks evening was being arranged for November – further details would be circulated as soon as they were available.

The Mayor’s page on the Council website had been updated, and there were new links to her Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts –

www.facebook.com/mayorofbromley/ (@mayorofbromley)

www.twitter.com/MayorofBromley0 (@MayorofBromley0)

www.instagram.com/mayorofbromley/ (@mayorofbromley)

A Justgiving account had been set up to make it easier to donate to the Mayor’s charities, and there was a quarterly newsletter and a Keep in Touch form.

The Meeting ended at 8.48 pm

Mayor

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COUNCIL MEETING

20th July 2020

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Chris Phillips, Chairman, Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

At their AGM the Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground were advised by idVerde on behalf of Bromley Council that a conservation architect would be appointed by the end of February 2020 to draw up a specification for restoration of the bandstand. What progress has been made with this to date?

Reply:

We appreciate that progress in securing a Conservation Architect is disappointingly behind schedule. We would envisage being able to re-commence work on tendering for this consultant in August, with a view to making an appointment towards the end of September in conjunction with the Friends group.

2. From Chloe-Jane Ross to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

How many applications has Bromley Council made for funding from TfL for active travel schemes? Please list these applications and share what response has been received to each of those applications, which have been granted funds and what was the reason for refusal for those not granted?

Reply:

Bromley submitted 23 bids to the TfL Streetspace Fund, but a number of these were grouped proposals, such as the successful bid for funding to implement a variety of measures around schools across the Borough. Other proposals that have been funded include a number of temporary cycle routes in and around Shortlands.

Bromley can take no responsibility for TfL's decision mechanism. In common with many boroughs we consider that a system that appeared to take no account of community desires or past decisions by TfL should be improved. TfL has appeared to prioritise central London. TfL have not given specific reasons for why schemes were not funded, but in reference to all the unfunded proposals from across London, TfL have stated: "It was inevitable that we would be left with a large amount of schemes bid for which we have scored positively but for which there is simply no budget. Given the high number of submissions, we will now discuss with Government whether there is potential to extend this scheme as part of any future funding agreement."

3. From Julie Ireland to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

How many applications has Bromley Council made for funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's London Streetspace fund, please list these applications and share what response has been received to each of those applications, stating which have been granted funds and what was the reason for refusal for those not granted?

Reply:

The London Streetspace Fund is administered by TfL, with support from the DfT, and is not related to the MHCLG.

In regard to the MHCLG's Reopening High Streets Safely Fund, Bromley Council has been allocated £295k to implement measures to help retailers reopen and to encourage shoppers to feel able to visit shops safely. Bromley has introduced signs, floor stickers and footway widenings across 32 shopping parades and town centres across the Borough. Funding will also be used to develop a high street action plan.

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4. From Alisa Igoe, Coordinator of the Ashfield Lane Road Safety Group, Chislehurst, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

So many other boroughs have successfully bid and won funds from TfL for safer School Streets: Lewisham 16 School Streets, Merton 18, Brent 23, with Barnet receiving £78k, Hackney £350k, Hounslow £352k. Bromley only submitted eight, all unsuccessful as at 6 July. How will Bromley prioritise protecting its most vulnerable residents?

Reply:

Bromley can take no responsibility for TfL's decision mechanism. In common with many boroughs we consider that a system that appeared to take no account of community desires or past decisions by TfL should be improved. TfL has appeared to prioritise central London. Since the 6th July the situation in Bromley with regard to Schools has changed.

Bromley was successful in being awarded funding to take forward 11 temporary schools streets, with these and other measures to support schools attracting £204k of funding from TfL's Streetspace fund.

Bromley has been in contact with the many schools in the Borough to support them in implementing measures in their immediate surroundings to support social distancing and safer travel to school.

5. From Alisa Igoe to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management

The deadline for public questions for the 20 July Full Council meeting was 6 July. As the meeting was not confirmed and did not appear on the Council website until after 6 July, are the Council concerned they were not able to allow constituents sufficient opportunity to submit questions?

Reply:

No – we have received eleven questions from the public.

6. From Alan Tweddle the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

Since the beginning of lockdown on 23 March how many complaints have been received about (a) domestic bonfires (b) commercial bonfires and what action has been taken in respect of these?

Reply:

Date	Domestic	Commercial	Total
23 rd March – 31 st March 20	35	2	37
April 20	179	28	207
May 20	130	21	130
June 20	109	29	109
July 1 st – 8 th July 20	22	2	22
Total	423	82	505

In order for action to be taken against a domestic bonfire it must be more than annoying, it must be a nuisance in law, the same goes for commercial bonfires, for example, they can burn green waste, but must not burn controlled waste.

The figures above show the number of complaints received within the timeframe specified, all allegations were investigated, and as no nuisance/illegal bonfires were witnessed, warning letter was sent to all concern addresses stating the enforcement outcomes should statutory nuisance or illegal commercial burning be witnessed.

There have been local news articles stating that Bromley is missing out on the reductions in pollution seen elsewhere in the country as a result of excessive bonfires being lit; one article plots a graph of Bromley's NO2 against "London" that appears to corroborate this.

Independent analysis from Kings College London clearly shows that there were large variations across London, with the outer areas generally seeing less of a reduction, which is resultant of an effective shut down of Central London.

The articles point to alleged issues with PM2.5 in the borough with local data held by residents showing an alleged sharp increase in PM2.5 in April 20. Kings College confirmed that higher levels of PM2.5 were seen regionally at the start of April 20. However, data shows that in comparison to the region Bromley levels were lower than the surrounding background sites in: Croydon and the AURN background sites in Greenwich Eltham and Bexley Slade Green.

This matter was investigated thoroughly, and the following points have been independently corroborated by Kings College London:

1. From March 1st to April 20th, there have been 4 notable spikes in the daily average PM10 μ g/m³ daily averages for Bromley. These were 6th March, 26th March, 10th April and 16th April, as recorded at Harwood;
2. These same spikes were also recorded within Bexley, and Sevenoaks, as such this, and the data in general shows that the spikes are not necessarily local, but are regional;
3. None of the spikes (as per point 1) relating to LB Bromley exceeded the National Air Quality Standard;
4. Whereas LB Bexley (at their Belvedere and Five ways monitoring stations) and Sevenoaks (at their Bat and Ball and Greatness Park) exceeded the National Air Quality Standards for 2 of the spikes (26th March and 10th April and 16th April respectively);
5. From the 1st March to 20th April (time span for the above data), the Harwood Avenue data had the lowest recorded levels out of the 5 monitoring stations;
6. Information provided by Kings College London that stated for a fact that Bromley was not adversely affected by particulates bonfires as reported, and the issues at that time were caused by air flow coming from the continent, which brought emissions from urban and industrial areas, and wood burning stoves.

When looking at complaints made, reporting of bonfires has increased in recent months, April 20 saw a rise as the dumps were closed. Things eased (in comparison to April 20) in May (dumps opened), and further (compared with April) in June 20. These increases in reports appear to be directly related to the various lobbying, as no nuisance bonfires have been witnessed.

7. From Dr Brendan Donegan, Chair of Bromley Living Streets, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

What proposals has the council got to bid for additional schemes that enable safer streets for walking and cycling based on community feedback captured on Widen My Path?

Reply:

The Council encourages residents to feed their suggestions to us via Ward Members or by direct contact with the Council, many of which were fed into the bids to TfL for Streetspace funding. The Council does not capture information from Widen My Path.

At the moment we are not aware of any funds currently available for Bromley to submit bids. There is an expectation of future opportunities later in the year. In common with most London boroughs we have proposals currently unfunded which we will submit as

and when opportunities arise. However, should new suggestions be proposed to the Council, we will consider them and apply an appropriate prioritisation, potentially replacing an existing unfunded scheme in the order we will submit future proposals.

8. From Dr Brendan Donegan to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

LBB is at the bottom of the ranking in terms of central government and TfL funding for COVID-19-related changes to streets and the Healthy Streets Scorecard. When preparing future proposals in this policy area, will LBB consider accepting support from residents and/or consulting residents on options?

Reply:

There were at least 10 other boroughs that will receive less funding from TfL's Streetspace pot than Bromley, but this is not a competition and we trust that public funding for COVID-19-related changes to streets will have been assigned across London where maximum cost-benefit can be achieved.

As stated in my previous answer, I would encourage residents to feed suggestions via their Ward Members.

9. From David Martin the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement

How many incidents of fly-tipping have been recorded between April of June this year across the borough compared to the same period last year of which how many have been investigated and what actions were taken?

Reply:

April to June 2019: 1113 fly-tips recorded with 721 fly-tips removed. 62 fly-tips were investigated with 3 warning letters and 1 FPN.

April to June 2020: 1227 fly-tips recorded with 996 fly-tips removed. 15 investigations, no action taken as yet.

NB: The disparity between the reported numbers and confirmed collections will be due to the following reasons: incident was on private land or an area outside of the Council's control (e.g. other local authority or housing land), duplicate reports, waste not present upon attendance, or had already been collected proactively through routine service delivery.

10. From Richard Gibbons, Bromley Cyclists, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

DfE guidance for full opening of schools published 2 July states that DfT is "asking local authorities to urgently work with schools to survey parents on their typical routes to school and potential alternatives".

Would the PH kindly provide a copy of the survey and details of how the Council is working with schools, and what kind of measures the Council will be implementing to

enable schools to “encourage parents, staff and pupils to walk or cycle to school” safely and with confidence?

Reply:

My Officers have an ongoing dialogue with schools and particularly so since May, when the return to school process started to be known. Officers are working with schools to identify transport related obstacles related to each school and, where possible, will be implementing measures to help with social distancing and with supporting alternative travel options.

I will be happy to provide a copy of the survey sent to schools in the Borough, which has so far generated 3850 responses from primary school parents and 3253 from secondary school parents.

11. From Richard Gibbons, Bromley Cyclists, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

The dramatic increase in numbers of speeding drivers on London’s roads has been widely reported, and has prompted the setting up of the Road Crime Team by the Metropolitan Police.

LB Bromley residents are expressing increasing concern about speeding drivers on the borough’s roads, despite increased monitoring and enforcement by police teams. What measures are the Council introducing to ensure the safety of children and adults cycling in the absence of funding for protected cycleways?

Reply:

The Borough has successfully bid for a number of temporary cycle routes, all of which will be installed with measures to help protect cyclists. Escorted cycle rides are currently being provided by Bromley to equip the many new cyclists we see on our streets, to help them safely reach their place or work or study. Furthermore, the Borough is lobbying government for more funding to support this focussed training going forward.

The above is in addition to our road safety education programme, which unfortunately due to school closures is mainly delivered through our road safety signs at this time. I have also encouraged London Police to work with the borough’s road safety team so that speed and other unsafe practices (e.g. mobile phone use) enforcement can have the biggest impact.

COUNCIL MEETING

20th July 2020

(B) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ORAL REPLY

(Questions 1 and 2 were withdrawn by Cllr Kieran Terry.)

3. From Cllr Angela Wilkins to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection & Enforcement

Does she wholeheartedly endorse the four priorities identified in the Bromley Community Safety Partnership Strategy? (Agenda Item 8)

Reply:

It is a Partnership document. The partnership as a group endorse the priorities.

Supplementary question:

Councillor Wilkins asked about efforts to tackle hate crime, which was what many residents had to face on a daily basis.

Reply:

Hate crime is indeed in the Strategy. The second part of the question about racism in the borough is not directly connected to agenda item 8 so I do not think that is a valid supplementary question. But with regards to hate crime, I was given the figures on 7th July this year by the Police. They said between March and May last year there were 117 hate crimes and between march and May this year there were 120 hate crimes, so 3 more than last year. As she rightly says, hate crime is a priority in the Strategy for the Police, the Mayor and MOPAC and we shall seek to tackle these issues at future Safer Bromley Partnership meetings.

4. From Cllr Josh King to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation & Housing

Section 3.5 of agenda item 7, the paper on the option for a Housing Revenue Account, mentions the establishment of a 'delivery, ownership and management vehicle to enable delivery of housing programmes. The paper explains that this may run alongside the HRA. A meeting of the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee previously scrutinised a decision to authorise a significant amount of money for consultancy to determine the correct vehicle structure. Can the portfolio holder provide information on how much money has been spent on this task, whether a conclusion has been arrived at or if not when a recommendation is likely to be ready?

Reply:

The total spent on the consultancy was £17,900.83 plus VAT.

The consultancy work provided support to undertake the options appraisal on potential delivery, ownership and management vehicles to enable delivery of the

affordable housing programme. This work has been completed and the recommendation relating to the opening of an HRA directly arises from this – essentially the HRA is the vehicle.

As set out in the report, the practicalities of establishing the management and maintenance mechanisms, developing the full business plan and pipeline supply will flow from the decision relating to the HRA with further reports being presented during this autumn.

COUNCIL MEETING

20th July 2020

(C) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1. From Cllr Kieran Terry to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

During the peak of the coronavirus crisis, the Council offered free parking to a number of key workers and volunteers in the borough. How many permits were granted to applicants?

Reply:

The London Borough of Bromley granted 2,969 permits to Emergency Services Workers and Volunteers. The scheme ceased on the 30th June 20.

2. From Cllr Kieran Terry to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services

For the most recent full year available, according to the most up to date figures confirmed by DEFRA, what percentage of waste did LB Bromley recycle? Please provide this with a comparison to other London Boroughs and comment on our level of dry recycling as a London-wide ranking.

Reply:

For 2018/19, the audited DEFRA recycling rate published for Bromley is 50.1%. Bromley has the third highest recycling rate in London, with Bexley in first place and Ealing in second place.

Bromley collected and recycled 32,951 tonnes of dry recycling in 2018/19 making the dry recycling rate 27%. Bromley collects more dry recycling than any other borough in London in terms of tonnes collected and has the fourth highest dry recycling rate.

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COUNCIL

20TH JULY 2020

Statement - Appendix

Council From: Bowen, Mark
Sent: 20 July 2020 09:33
To: Smith, Colin, Cllr
Cc: Walton, Graham; Adetosoye, Ade
Subject: Re: Request for Statements at full council

Dear Cllr Smith

Thank you for your e-mail.

That is an interesting point and there is in my, view a distinction between what is necessary and what is desirable

Whilst I would acknowledge they are not perfect (and I don't want to tempt fate before tonight) virtual meetings have largely worked. Therefore on e.g. planning we have been able to keep public speaking rights and stream meetings so members of the public can still participate and now are able to watch the progress of the meeting from home without having to come into the civic centre. We have also managed to run a virtual licencing hearing . So from a practical perspective we can run meetings without the need to hold them on a face to face basis.

Therefore I would take need to mean circumstances where we can't rather than would prefer not to hold a virtual meeting e.g. a major IT or internet outage.

Virtual meetings don't allow members and the public to be physically present. Again it is not the position that members need to be in the same room to make decisions - the virtual meetups regulations actually mean they don't.

The second point goes to members of the public being present. As I have advised before our meetings are meetings held in public and not public meetings and again the regulations make it clear that allowing members of the public to hear/see proceedings is lawful and again we are looking at what is necessary and what may be desirable to deliver lawful meetings.

One point I was reflecting on over the weekend is how attendance at council meetings by members of the public sits with the rules on gatherings and performances and events and whilst the position is debatable even if it was necessary to hold a meeting that would say allow an objectors/applicant to attend but not allow general attendance in the gallery by supporters/opponents.

From a practical perspective the government's "road map" shows significant relaxations over the coming weeks and we should be good to get back to normal meetings (after the necessary risk assessments etc.) after the recess.

We have made some enquires of other Councils and again from what has been fed back virtual meetings/delegated decision making is still in place with no immediate plans to change

Kind regards

Mark

Mark Bowen
Director of Corporate Services
Chief Executive's Department