

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

(Executive Decision)

Decision Maker	Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources
Title	Temporary mortuary provision July Onwards
Date	2 July 2020

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1. The decision

That the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources approves:

- 1.1. Additional spend of up to £1.395m (with £981,000 being HCC's share) for the provision of new temporary mortuary facilities to be met from Covid-19 grant.
- 1.2. The completion of any necessary leases or other agreements to facilitate a new site for the mortuary with the Director of Culture Communities and Business Services (Assistant Director Property and Facilities) being authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions.

2. Reason(s) for the decision

- 2.1. For the reasons set out in the Exempt Report the approval of the total spend is urgently required in order to secure a potential site at short notice.

3. Background to the decision

- 3.1. Paragraph 2.31 of the County Council's Financial Regulations provide that where an urgent financial decision is required that falls outside of the defined process or limits within Financial Regulations but is felt to be in the wider interests of the County Council, the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Leader can make the decision subject to it being reported to the next appropriate decision making body.
- 3.2. This decision is an urgent decision within paragraph 2.31 of Financial Regulations.

3.3. The Chief Executive and Leader of the Council have been consulted about and support this decision.

4. Other options considered and rejected

4.1. Not to provide the temporary mortuary provision. This would be unacceptable under the circumstance and would be against the advice of the Coroner and Strategic Command Group.

5. Conflicts of interest:

To record conflicts of interest declared by any Member who is consulted in the process of taking this decision:

5.1. None

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service

6.1. None

Approved by:



Carolyn Williamson, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

Date: 1st July 2020

Officer Decision Supported by: Cllr Keith Mans

Executive Member for Policy and Resources and Leader of the Council

Date: July 2020