

CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION	PART 1 (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
Proposed Decision Maker <i>(please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)</i>	Date for Decision	
Nigel Minns – Strategic Director for People (DASS)	9 April 2020	
Title: Coronavirus COVID-19: Care Act Easements		
<p>Summary of matter</p> <p>On 31st March the Government made Regulations under the Coronavirus Act 2020 which mean that local authorities do not have to comply with certain duties under the Care Act 2014. Guidance has also been issued which sets out a series of Care Act ‘easements’ to enable local authorities to streamline assessment and care and support arrangements and prioritise care to ensure that the most urgent and acute needs are met.</p>		
<p>Proposed Decisions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council implements the Care Act easements and control measures under the Coronavirus Act 2020. 2. That the Council continues to take reasonable steps to meet needs but the Strategic Director for People be authorised to temporarily delay some care and support where he considers it necessary to prioritise the most pressing needs. 3. That our assessment, support planning and review processes are changed to focus only on what the Strategic Director for People considers to be sufficient to identify and arrange necessary support. 4. That our decision-making remains person specific and we do not withdraw types of service en bloc. 5. That to reduce the risk of spreading the disease, we only undertake face to face contact where there is no reasonable alternative. 6. That the arrangements are reviewed on a fortnightly basis and that we seek to reinstate normal Care Act operations as soon as is practical. 		
<p>Reasons for urgency</p> <p>An urgent decision is required to enable the Regulations to be applied immediately.</p>		
<p>Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? <i>[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]</i></p>		
No		

PART 2 (to be completed by the person giving consent)

Name	Councillor: Wallace Redford
Office Held	Chair of Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Signed



Date consent is given

9 April 2020