

Recommendation to Full Council

From Audit & Governance Committee – 11 April 2022

Meeting Arrangements and the Health and Wellbeing Board

For Recommendation to Council

Portfolio Holder: Cllr S Flower, Leader of the Council

Local Councillor(s): All Councillors

Executive Director: Jonathan Mair, Corporate Director, Legal & Democratic

Report Status: Public

Recommendation:

Recommendation from the Audit & Governance Committee held on 11 April 2022 to follow.

[Agenda for Audit and Governance Committee on Monday, 11th April, 2022, 10.00 am - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for Recommendation:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is formally a committee of the Council but is different from ordinary committees in that its membership includes officers and representatives of partner bodies as well as councillors. The Board benefitted from online working during the Covid-19 pandemic resulting from the convenience of remote attendance. The Chair believes that the Board would work more efficiently and effectively if it was to continue to meet online. Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 provide for this.

The Chief Executive has wide ranging authority to act in an emergency. This power was exercised to enable councillors to continue to meet (informally) online after the lapse of the Coronavirus flexibility regulations. The proposed delegations in recommendation 4 would make explicit in the scheme of delegation the ability of the Chief Executive, in exceptional circumstances, to convene informal online meetings and for the Chief Executive to make decisions taking account of views expressed at those online meetings.

Appendices

Report to Audit & Governance Committee on 11 April 2022 – Meeting Arrangements and the Health and Wellbeing Board

Background Papers

None.