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EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

To all Members of the Council

You are summoned to attend an Extraordinary meeting of the ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL to be held virtually on **Wednesday 12 May 2021** at **5.00 pm** to transact the business set out below:

Nigel Lynn Chief Executive

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be a 'virtual meeting' and any member of the press and public may listen-in and view the proceedings via a weblink which will be publicised on the Council website at least 24 hours before the meeting.

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For further information on the item to be discussed, please contact: committees@arun.gov.uk

AGENDA

1. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda, and are reminded that they should re-declare their interest before consideration of the item or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.

Members and Officers should make their declaration by stating:

- a) the item they have the interest in
- b) whether it is a pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interest
- c) the nature of the interest
- d) if it is a pecuniary or prejudicial interest, whether they will be exercising their right to speak under Question Time

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH PECUNIARY/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

To receive questions from Members with pecuniary/prejudicial interests (for a period of up to 15 minutes)

4. <u>COUNCIL MEETINGS - PROPOSALS FOR CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS</u> <u>DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS</u> (Pages 1 - 26)

On 7 May 2020, Government Regulations came into force to enable Councils to hold virtual meetings for one year, providing certain conditions were met in relation to ensuring openness and public access. This was an exception to what was the accepted legal position that Council meetings are to take place by attendance in a physical space. There are no current plans by the Government to renew the Regulations from 7 May 2021. Venues to hold Council meetings in a COVID secure environment are very limited.

This report provides options for the Council to consider for the period up to 21 June 2021, or such later date when the Government confirms social distancing requirements will be completely relaxed.

Note: If Members have any detailed questions, they are reminded that they need to inform the Chair and relevant Director in advance of the meeting.

Note: Where there are recommendations from other Committees, please refer to the elink under the specific agenda item to access the Officer report.

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