

Committee: Finance Committee	Date: 23 June 2020
Subject: Report of Action Taken – Public Decisions taken under Delegated Authority/Urgency procedures since the last formal meeting of the Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of urgent and/or delegated public action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Orders No. 41(a) and 41(b).

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main report

1. Subject: Emergency Relief – St John Ambulance (Delegated Authority) – 1st June 2020

Background

St John Ambulance have reoriented its entire delivery to support the COVID-19 response effort and as a result, since the start of April 2020 has been delivering over 1,000 hours a day of clinical support in local communities nationwide supporting the NHS. St John Ambulance has worked tirelessly with its partners at NHS England to support a range of individual trusts and organisations across the country to deliver increased ambulance capacity and support hospital trusts responding effectively to COVID-19 challenges. The number of COVID-19 cases and deaths has had a major impact on NHS resources. The charity’s role in responding to the needs of communities across the nation has never been more relevant or urgent.

The Charity’s current financial position has been severely affected by COVID-19 due to a complete loss of its usual operating income from first aid training and event cover. Sustaining COVID-19 operations is very expensive, therefore any contribution is welcome to help St John Ambulance continue to provide more support and care to those at their most vulnerable during this pandemic and help to save even more lives.

RESOLVED – That approval was given to a £20,000 donation (sourced from Finance Committee’s International Disasters Fund) to St John Ambulance to support the Charity in its response to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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