

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15 December 2020 commencing at 12.30 pm and finishing at 12.38 pm

Present: Councillor Mark Gray, Cabinet Member for Local Communities
Officers: Robin Rogers - Head of Strategy, Emily Scholfield – Localities and Partnership Team Leader, Lucy Tyrrell – Committee Officer

The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with [a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting][the following additional documents:] and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents], copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

4 VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACT

(Agenda No. 4)

Document considered: Report on Exemption from Contract Procedure Rules – VCS Infrastructure.

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Summary of representations made at the meeting

Emily Schofield, Localities and Partnership Team Leader confirmed that this contract had been previously extended so that Oxfordshire County Council could ascertain the needs of both the Council and the sector to ensure a contract that was fit for purpose. However, due to COVID-19, we have been unable to fully understand the needs of that contract and are therefore seeking to extend this contract to enable us to better understand the needs and new priorities to carry us forward following the pandemic. We are therefore seeking to extend the current contract for an additional year starting 1 April 2021.

Cabinet Member's Comments

I have received a full briefing on this matter, including full discussion regarding the disruption of COVID-19, and the innovative approaches to infrastructure support that has arisen from this. Therefore I am happy to approve the recommendation to proceed with Option 4 and approve the exemption from contract procedure rules for the VCS infrastructure.

Decision

Having regard to the information set out in the documentation before me, I confirm my decision to approve this exemption from the Council's contract procedure rules

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Date of signing