

COUNTY COUNCIL – 18 JANUARY 2022

DELEGATED POWERS – QUARTERLY REPORT

Report by the Director of Law & Governance

RECOMMENDATION

1. Cabinet is **RECOMMENDED** to note the executive decisions taken under delegated powers, set out in paragraph 4.

Executive Summary

2. Under the Scheme of Delegation in the Council's Constitution (Part 7.1, paragraph 6.3 (c)(i)), the Chief Executive is authorised to undertake an executive function on behalf of the Cabinet. Cabinet receives a quarterly report on the use of this delegated power in relation to such executive decisions; that is, decisions that might otherwise have been taken by Cabinet.
3. This report refers to executive decisions taken during the period July to September 2021 inclusive.

Executive decisions – October to December 2021

4. The following executive decisions were taken during this period:

Date	Subject	Decision	Reason
25 October 2021	Unaccompanied Young Asylum Seekers - Exemption from Contract Procedure Rules	Approved an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules which would enable Oxfordshire County Council to directly award contracts with Providers offering housing management and support in across multiple properties, creating a total of 30 units for unaccompanied young people aged 18+ for 12 months.	There is no move on accommodation commissioned for UASC that turn 18 for those being housed under the NTS as this is a new requirement. If the Council does not create move on accommodation for when young people housed through the NTS this could create blockages in the schemes set up for NTS as explained in the 16-17 year old NTS paper.
28 October 2021	E-Scooter (Concession) Contract	Approved an exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 in respect of a	This will allow users across a wider geographic area to benefit from the e-

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		4 month extension of OCC's current (concession) contract re e-scooter public hire trial, which contract is due to expire 30 November 2021	scooters for a longer period and avoid a break in service for those users relying on the scheme. Without which, the County Council's participation with the DfT e-scooter public hire trials will end upon the expiration of the current VSO – dated 30th November 2021. This would undermine the County Council's ability to build a robust evidence base about e-scooter usage within the Oxford urban area.
30 November 2021	The Community Information Network (CIN) by Age UK.	Approved an exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 to award a new 12-month contract to Age UK for the provision of a Community Information Network (CIN) throughout Oxfordshire.	The current service run by Age UK (Oxfordshire) is achieving its contractual outcomes. This proposal will ensure that there is service continuity and provision for residents. There is no evidence that these services could be provided for less than the current value.

Legal Implications

5. There are no legal implications arising from this report. It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution (Part 7.1, paragraph 6.3(c)(i) that Cabinet receive a quarterly report on the use by the Chief Executive of executive functions. Each of the decisions reported were undertaken in the context of a legal appraisal.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. It is a procedural item reporting on decisions previously taken. Each of the decisions reported were undertaken in consultation with the Director of Finance.

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Background Papers: Nil

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