

Divisions: N/A

## CABINET – 18 OCTOBER 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 – July to September 2022

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

Date	Subject	Decision	Reason
1 July 2022	Healthy Housing Service	Approved an exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 in respect of the Healthy Housing Service providing community support to residents in Oxfordshire to reduce cost pressures from energy bills.	The rapid rise in inflation and energy prices has resulted in an urgent, unforeseen and unprecedented demand for home energy efficiency advice to ensure households are as prepared as possible for the increased fuel bills next winter. There is insufficient time to run a competitive procurement process to put the service in place in the required timescales. The National Energy Foundation has already been providing a similar service and a second provider would need to integrate and form a new working relationship with NEF. This would likely lead to duplication, inefficiencies and complexity, delaying the

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			introduction of the service and increasing cost. Any other provider is likely to require a significantly longer period to mobilise reducing operational effectiveness at this critical time. NEF is already providing a similar service, so requires minimal resource to increase capacity to its current offer.
8 August 2022	The 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme and the provision of Community Liaison Officers (CLOs).	Approved an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules to provide wraparound support services to individuals and families arriving in the UK from Ukraine agreed between Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and Asylum Welcome (AW) in response to the Government's 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.	<p>As the Council had little notice of what the scheme involved or the numbers that may be coming to Oxfordshire it was not possible to run a procurement to select a provider, even using an accelerated procedure.</p> <p>It was important that, as a system, Oxfordshire provided a coordinated partnership approach to support those coming into the county.</p>

### 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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