

Divisions: N/A

CABINET – 18 JULY 2023

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 April to June 2023 inclusive.

Executive decisions – April to June 2023

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

| Date | Subject | Decision | Reason |
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| 19 May 2023 | Recovery-Based Supported Accommodation | For the direct contract award to Homeless Oxfordshire. Contract period 2 years plus 2-year option to extend. | This exemption was requested to award the contract to Homeless Oxfordshire, as the only organisation in Oxfordshire able to provide the Recovery-based Supported Accommodation according to the specification required. |
| 27 June 2023 | Family Safeguarding Plus Model - Elmore Community Services | A waiver to support the awarding of the 10-month direct award contract to Elmore Community Services, the existing provider, from 1 October 2023 to 31 July 2024 for the Family Safeguarding Plus Model (FSPM). | Extension to the FSPM contract will offer Operational Lead, and Commissioners, time to review and implement phase two of the FSP model. The extension will support the re-evaluation of the service and a full-scale assessment of the FSPM outcomes. It will also allow time to explore further with statutory partner organisations changes to services and growth within this |

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| | | | <p>area of work to ensure any service commissioned is in line with the system priorities and according to best practice and evidence-based solutions.</p> <p>Extending the FSPM service will support the recommissioning of a model that best meets the needs of children and families which is cost effective in reducing the demand on our statutory interventions in line with the new direction of travel under the new leadership of Children's Social Care.</p> |
| 27 June 2023 | Family Safeguarding Plus Model - Oxfordshire MIND | A waiver to support the awarding of the 10-month direct award contract to Oxfordshire MIND, the existing provider, from 1 October 2023 to 31 July 2024 for the Family Safeguarding Plus Model (FSPM). | <p>Extension to the FSPM contract will offer Operational Lead, and Commissioners, time to review and implement phase two of the FSP model. The extension will support the re-evaluation of the service and a full-scale assessment of the FSPM outcomes. It will also allow time to explore further with statutory partner organisations changes to services and growth within this area of work to ensure any service commissioned is in line with the system priorities and according to best practice and evidence-based solutions.</p> <p>Extending the FSPM service will support the recommissioning of a model that best meets the needs of children and families which is cost effective in reducing the demand on our statutory interventions in line with the new direction of travel under the new leadership of Children's Social Care.</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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