



## ***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Policy Co-ordination***

***Monday, 10 February 2014 at 12.00 pm  
County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

### ***Items for Decision***

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on 18 February 2014 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

**These proceedings are open to the public**

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*Note: Date of next meeting: 10 March 2014*

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## Items for Decision

1. **Declarations of Interest**
2. **Questions from County Councillors**

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. **Petitions and Public Address**
4. **Extension of the Authorisation for the Birmingham City Council Illegal Money Lending Team to Operate in Oxfordshire** (Pages 1 - 4)

Forward Plan Ref: 2013/181

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Report by Director for Social & Community Services (**CMDPC4**).

Birmingham City Council Trading Standards Service operates an Illegal Money Lending Team funded by central Government. The purpose of this team is to investigate allegations of illegal money lending activity, establish if illegal activity is being pursued and, if so, to take enforcement action against those persons carrying on this activity. The team is staffed with specialist officers and has proved effective in tackling illegal money lending activity and in supporting victims.

For the Illegal Money Lending Team to operate outside of Birmingham it is necessary to delegate to Birmingham City Council authority to enforce the Consumer Credit Act 1974 in Oxfordshire. In November 2009 the Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities agreed to delegate authority for enforcement of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 to Birmingham City Council. An agreement was entered into with Birmingham City Council to enable the Illegal Money Lending Team to operate in Oxfordshire. This agreement was for a period of two years. An extension of the agreement for a further two years was approved in 2011. Therefore, a further delegation of authority is necessary if the team is to continue to

operate in Oxfordshire.

This report summarises the background to Birmingham City Council's Illegal Money Lending Team and the work undertaken in Oxfordshire by this team alongside the Trading Standards Service. The paper requests authorisation for the arrangement with Birmingham City Council to be extended.

***The Cabinet Member for Policy Coordination is RECOMMENDED to agree:***

- (a) to continue the delegation of the function of the enforcement of Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 to be carried out in Oxfordshire by Birmingham City Council and to delegate the power of prosecution to Birmingham City Council for any matters associated with or discovered during an investigation by the illegal money lending team;***
  - (b) that authority be delegated to the Trading Standards and Community Safety Manager to enter into a further agreement with Birmingham City Council on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council to enable the Illegal Money Lending Team to operate in Oxfordshire and to make minor alterations to this agreement if required.***
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