

Divisions: N/A

CABINET – 23 JANUARY 2024

DELEGATED POWERS – QUARTERLY REPORT

Report by the Director of Law & Governance

RECOMMENDATION

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

Executive Summary

2. Under the Scheme of Delegation in the Council's Constitution (Part 7.2, 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 October to December 2023 inclusive.

Executive decisions – October to December 2023

4. The following executive decision was taken during this period:

Date	Subject	Decision	Reason
8 November 2023	Adult education "Multiply Math" services	An exemption to secure an adult education provider (Abingdon and Witney College) with immediate effect to deliver against the Oxfordshire County Council multiply math plan in this financial year.	While there was an appropriate route to market, the procurement exercise would take at least three months to conclude. Consequently, this approach would mean that any adult education provider procured in this way would have been unlikely to commence training activity until March 2024. Delays had put at risk £449,000 in lost grant to Oxfordshire communities in 2023/24. Combined with the previous financial year, Oxfordshire County Council was at risk of losing £1.2m in grant funding for people who lack basic math skills.

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			Furthermore, delays had already resulted 1,360 people not being provided opportunities to engage in math interventions. Any further delay would have resulted in as many as 1,800 people not being provided access to numeracy support since September 2022.

Legal Implications

5. There are no legal implications arising from this report. It is a requirement of the Council’s Constitution (Part 7.2, paragraph 6.3(c)) that “any exercise of these functions shall be reported to the Cabinet or other relevant committee or sub-committee and shall be published on the website as soon as possible”. The decision was published on the website at this [link](#).
6. The decision was undertaken in the context of a legal appraisal.

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Financial Implications

7. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. It is a procedural item reporting on a decision previously taken. The decision reported was undertaken in consultation with the Director of Finance.

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Background Papers: Nil

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