



## ***Delegated Decisions by Deputy Leader of the Council***

***Monday, 7 March 2016 at 11.00 am***

***Room 3 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND***

### ***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 15 March 2016 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**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter G. Clark".

Peter G. Clark  
Head of Paid Service

February 2016

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*Note: Date of next meeting: 28 March 2016*

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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. **Sign Off for OFRS Participation in the Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme** (Pages 1 - 22)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2016/022

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Report by Chief Fire Officer (**CMDDL4**).

There is a requirement for central government and the three emergency services to go to the open market for the procurement of a communication system that enables Fire, Police and Ambulance to communicate at operational incidents and to share data in a safe and secure manner. A national programme led by the Home Office has developed a programme for the development and procurement of a new communication system which will be provided prior to the loss of the existing contract and airwave band in 2020. This report and the Annex 1 sets out the predicted costs for Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and seeks a decision from the Deputy Leader to authorise the Chief Fire Officer to sign up to the programme on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service.

**The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to:**

- (a) **support the Chief Fire Officer's decision to participate in the Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme subject to:**

- (1)all cutover criteria being met by the programme;**
- (2)full breakdown of current and future charging mechanism being provided prior to transition;**
- (3)clarity of contract provision based on a “like for like” basis;**
- (4)costs not transferred to the FRS prior to sign-off of cutover criteria;**

**(b)require the Chief Fire Officer to report to the Cabinet Member for Fire and Rescue should the above criteria (1-4) not be met.**

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