



Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Local Communities

***Tuesday, 15 December 2020 at 12.30 pm
Held Virtually via MS Teams***

Please note that due to guidelines imposed on social distancing by the Government this meeting will be held virtually.

For further information on this please contact the Committee Officer (details below) bearing in mind the information set out at Item 2 on this Agenda.

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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 23 December 2020 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Rees'.

Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

December 2020

Committee Officer: **Lucy Tyrrell**
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Note: Date of next meeting: 19 January 2021

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.

Items for Decision

1. **Declarations of Interest**

2. **Petitions and Public Address**

This Cabinet Member for Local Communities Decisions meeting will be held remotely in order to conform with current guidelines regarding social distancing. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9.00 a.m. on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9.00 a.m. four working days before the meeting i.e. 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday 9 December. Requests to speak should be sent to lucy.tyrrell@oxfordshire.gov.uk together with a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be taken into account.

A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9.00 a.m. 2 working days before the meeting. Where a meeting is held remotely and the addressee is unable to participate remotely their written submission will be accepted.

Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

3. **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.

4. **Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Contract** (Pages 1 - 14)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/143

Contact: Emily Schofield, Localities and Partnership Team Lead Tel: 07881 311707

Report by Head of Strategy (**CMDLC04**).

The report identifies the need for an extension to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Infrastructure contract which is due to expire in March 2021.

The role the sector plays in supporting thriving communities across Oxfordshire is vital, and it is key that Oxfordshire County Council continue to work effectively in partnership with the VCS. A key part of this is through the contract which is in place to ensure the VCS are supported and social action is promoted and developed, and whilst work is underway with partners to co-produce an improved solution which better meets the needs of the sector, this will not be in place before the current infrastructure expires.

The Cabinet Member for Local Communities is RECOMMENDED to approve this exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
