

## CABINET – 19 JULY 2022

### 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 July to September 2021 inclusive.

#### Executive decisions – April to June 2022

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

Date	Subject	Decision	Reason
21 April 2022	Works at Grove Airfield Primary School 1 (now named St John's Primary Academy)	Approved an exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 in respect of additional works due to an enhanced scheme design Grove Airfield School.	Persimmon competitively tendered for the main works and it has been determined that it is more cost effective and a better option for buildability and space management for the developer to undertake the additional work. To ensure the September 2023 date can be achieved, and the school delivered by the agreed date of June 2023, the contract needs to be awarded by 22 April 2022.
27 April 2022	Contract for domestic abuse services	Approved an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules to	It will allow time for a new procurement process to be planned

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		award a 2-year contract commencing April 2021 to A2Dominion to enable the delivery of additional, dedicated emergency safe accommodation and support services to people from minoritized populations, experiencing disadvantage from domestic abuse, whose needs cannot fully be met within the existing service provision.	and carried out during 2022, while essential service provision for vulnerable people affected by domestic abuse can continue in line with the statutory requirements for OCC. There are economies and efficiencies that can be realised with A2D providing the additional services in terms of established infrastructure, management supervision, wider team skills and expertise with A2D. If a different contractor were used, these economies would be lost. This new contract will deliver services covered by the light touch regime and is under the light touch regime threshold of £552,950 excluding VAT.
19 May 2022	2-year contract to Reducing the Risk	Approved an exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 to award a 2-year contract to Reducing the Risk.	This will enable the delivery of additional capacity for Specialist Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAS) and OSCB training delivery to support high risk victim-survivors and their children in Oxfordshire.
8 June 2022	Oxfordshire Plan Growth Needs Assessment	Approved an exemption from tendering under Contract Procedure Rule ("CPR") 20 to commission an updated Growth Needs Assessment to take into account up to date data such as census information, updated information on the economic effects of Covid-19 and to respond	All previous evidence for the earlier report was undertaken by Cambridge Econometrics and they are able to use existing work from the earlier study to inform the update. CE already have a detailed understanding of the evidence and the local

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		to public representations on the July 2021 report. The new report will provide information on affordable housing need and housing types building on existing information and will update the original report.	Oxfordshire context. An internal peer review of the existing final report has been undertaken and it has been determined that the fundamental methodology is sound. No new areas of work that differ significantly from that specified in the original brief and contract are required at this time.

### 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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