

COUNCIL – 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

Report of the Chief Executive

Part A

ITEM 13 DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS:

- (i) PARTICIPATION IN THE AFGHAN LOCALLY EMPLOYED STAFF (LES) RELOCATION SCHEME
- (ii) DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO THE HEAD OF STRATEGIC HOUSING AND PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING AND STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - ENVIRONMENTAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES
- (iii) DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS TO THE LEADER

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of delegations of Executive functions to the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing and the Leader.

Action Requested

In accordance with Full Council Procedure 9.11(d) questions may be asked of the Leader in relation to the changes to the delegation of Executive functions.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

At the Council Meeting on 20th May 2019, Council resolved that Councillor Jonathan Morgan be appointed Leader of the Council for the Council term 2019/20 to 2022/23. (Council minute 8 2019/20 refers).

As required by the Constitution, the Chief Executive reports to Council whenever the Leader makes a change to the composition of the Cabinet, or to the allocation of Executive functions to the Cabinet, individual Cabinet members or officers.

- (i) Participation in the Afghan Locally Employed Staff (LES) relocation scheme

On 28 July 2021, the Leader gave delegated executive authority to the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing with immediate effect to house one family of up to 5 people in the private rented sector and participate in the new Afghan LES Relocation Scheme.

Details are set out in the Annex to this report.

(ii) Delegation of Executive functions to the Head of Strategic Housing and Private Sector Housing and Strategic Director - Environmental and Corporate Services

On 10 August 2021, the Leader gave delegated executive authority to the Head of Strategic Housing and Private Sector Housing with immediate effect to make amendments to the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) scheme licence conditions and the selective licensing scheme conditions, in consultation with the Lead Member.

Details are set out in the Annex to this report.

On 2nd September 2021, the Leader re-allocated certain elements of delegated authority from the Head of Strategic Support to the Strategic Director - Environmental and Corporate Services, to reflect changes in officer responsibilities.

Details are set out in the Annex to this report.

(iii) Delegation of Executive functions to the Leader

On 30th April 2021, the Leader delegated to himself all Executive functions and decision making for a period of three months, in accordance with section 9E of the Local Government Act 2000. This was further extended for a further 3 months from 30 July 2021.

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 expired on 6th May 2021 and this delegation enables the Cabinet to meet informally via virtual meetings where it is deemed appropriate. To date Cabinet have met once informally.

Details are set out in the Annex to this report.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The Leader may amend the size and composition of the Cabinet and the scheme of delegation relating to Executive functions at any time during the year. The Chief Executive will present a report to the next ordinary meeting of the Council setting out the changes made by the Leader.

Report Implications

Financial Implications

The financial implications associated with the changes to the delegation of Executive functions are set out in the annexes.

Risk Management

No specific risks have been identified in connection with this report.

Background Papers: None

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