

COUNCIL – 8TH NOVEMBER 2021

Report of the Chief Executive

Part A

ITEM 14 DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS:

- (i) PARTICIPATION IN THE AFGHAN CITIZENS RESETTLEMENT SCHEME (CRS)
- (ii) 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 Citizens resettlement Scheme (CRS)

On 28 September 2021, the Leader gave delegated executive authority to the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing with immediate effect to confirm participation in the Afghan CRS, and to pledge on behalf of the one property (one family) in the private sector rented sector.

Details are set out in the Annex to this report.

(ii) Delegation of Executive functions to the Leader

Given that the Cabinet may need to meet informally due to the raising rates of Covid infection in the UK and across Leicestershire, the decision of the Leader initially taken on 30th April 2021 and then on 30th October 2021 has

been extended for a further 3-month period, in accordance with section 9E of the Local Government Act 2000.

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 informally on two occasions.

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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