

Cherwell District Council

Executive

4 January 2020

Notification of Decisions taken by the Chief Executive under Urgency Powers

Report of Chief Executive

This report is public

Purpose of report

To inform the Executive of decisions taken under urgency powers by the Chief Executive as part of the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The Constitution states that the Chief Executive may take an urgent decision in relation to an Executive function (in consultation with the relevant Member(s)) if it is in the best interests of the Council and/or residents.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The Council faces extremely challenging conditions as Covid-19 takes effect. To ensure Cherwell District Council is in the best possible position to take all necessary actions to support our residents, businesses and service users during this time.
- 3.2 In response to Covid-19 the Government has set out a package of temporary and targeted measures to provide additional support to businesses and to Council Tax payers.
- 3.3 In the case of each Government support measure, the Council is required to implement as soon as practicable to ensure grants and support is provided as soon as practicable.

- 3.4 The Chief Executive took the urgent decisions set out at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 as part of the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic/

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 In line with the Constitution this report is informing Executive of two decisions that were taken by the Chief Executive under urgency powers.

5.0 Consultation

Executive, who supported and endorsed the decisions taken under urgency powers

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Not to note the report. This is not recommended as the urgent action has been taken and it is a constitutional requirement for it to be reported to Executive.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report as it is reporting urgent action already taken. The funding for the additional costs of the business rates reliefs provided and business grants awarded has been provided by the Government.

Comments checked by:

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Legal Implications

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report as it is reporting urgent action already taken.

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Risk Implications

7.3 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report as it is reporting urgent action already taken.

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8.0 Decision Information

Key Decision

Financial Threshold Met: No

Community Impact Threshold Met: No

Wards Affected

All

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

N/A

Lead Councillor

Councillor Tony Ilott, Lead Member for Financial Management and Governance

Document Information

Appendix number and title

- Appendix 1 – Urgent Decision by Chief Executive
- Appendix 2 – Urgent Decision by Chief Executive

Background papers

List any non-published documents

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