

# **Cherwell District Council**

## **Council**

**17 May 2016**

### **Notification of Urgent Action**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

This report is public

#### **Purpose of report**

To notify Council of the taking of urgent action by the Chief Executive in accordance with constitutional requirements.

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

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

#### **2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Executive on 4 April 2016 the Chief Executive was requested to take urgent action in consultation with the Chairman of Council in order to enable budgetary provision to be made available to enable the Council to contribute to a joint study in support of the devolution bid to be submitted by the district councils in Oxfordshire plus South Northamptonshire Council and Cotswold District Council.
- 2.2 It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution that Full Council is notified of urgent action taken by an officer under delegated authority.

#### **3.0 Report Details**

- 3.1 On April 2016 the Executive resolved to agree the undertaking of work with the other district councils and partners involved to further develop the initial unitary devolution proposals on behalf of district councils in Oxfordshire, South Northamptonshire and Cotswold.
- 3.2 The Executive also agreed that independent consultants be jointly appointed by the districts to undertake detailed work on viability sustainability and governance, specialist work on collaboration around Children and Adult Services, public consultation and involvement, and the preparation of a revised devolution deal.

Executive agreed to recommend to Council that a contribution of up to £50,000 be made available to facilitate those studies to be funded from General Fund balances.

3.3 In view of the need to confirm the Council's commitment to the joint appointment of consultants prior to this meeting of full council, the Chief Executive was also requested by the Executive to exercise her urgency action powers in the scheme of delegation contained in the Council's Constitution to implement the recommendation to full Council contained in paragraph 3.2 above.

3.4 The Chief Executive duly consulted with the Chairman of the Council and took the recommended decision to allocate and commit the relevant funding.

## **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

4.1 The Chief Executive was requested by the Executive to exercise her urgent action powers which she duly did in consultation with the Chairman of the Council as set out above. It is necessary, under the Council's Constitution, for full Council to be notified of urgent actions such as this when it is taken by an officer under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

## **5.0 Consultation**

5.1 The Chief Executive consulted with the Chairman of the Council as required in the Council's Constitution.

## **6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

6.1 There are no alternative options. This report is for information only.

## **7.0 Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

7.1 None arising as a result of this report. The financial implications of committing the relevant funding were set out in the report to the Executive.

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### **Legal Implications**

7.2 None arising from this report.

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## 8.0 Decision Information

### Wards Affected

All.

### Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

Sound Budgets and a Customer Focused Council.

### Lead Councillor

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## Document Information

| Appendix No         | Title   |
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| None                |   |
| Background Papers   |   |
| None                |   |
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