



WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	<b>Council – Wednesday 28 April 2021</b>
Report Number	<b>Agenda Item No. 11</b>
Subject	<b>Emergency/Urgency Delegations Decisions</b>
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To note decisions taken under the emergency and urgency delegation arrangements approved by Council on 13 May 2020.
Appendices	None
Recommendation	That the report be noted.
Corporate priorities	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. At its meeting on 13 May 2020, the Council approved Emergency and Urgency delegations to the Chief Executive to enable decisions to be taken which were either an emergency, or where there was urgency such that the matter could not reasonably await the next meeting of whichever body would otherwise take that decision.
- 1.2. The report on the matter included the statement that: *“Any decision under the above provisions shall be recorded and published, and reported to Council, Cabinet or the appropriate Committee or Sub-Committee, such report to include the reasons that the powers needed to be used”*.

## **2. FUNDING AGREEMENT: CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND**

- 2.1. The County Council offered each of its District Councils the opportunity to share in the funding it had been given to help contain the spread of Covid. This funding was free and allows West Oxfordshire District Council to provide additional support over and above its budget. The Council however, does have to comply with the original terms of the funding in terms of use and this must be reported on a regular basis to County. This compliance was the content of the funding agreement. Decision taken 29/3/21.

## **3. REASONS FOR USE OF URGENCY POWERS**

- 3.1. The agreement needed to be signed by the 31 of March 2021 to allow the funding to be drawn down. It had already been reviewed by Legal and our Insurance officers and there was a clear and compliant plan for spending the funds that had been agreed between Officers and County. The use of urgency powers was necessitated by the timeframe and the risk was considered to be small since all reasonable checks and reviews had already happened internally.

## **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. This report has no financial implications.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. This report has no financial implications.

## **6. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

- 6.1. Not applicable.

## **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1. None