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| Name and date of Committee | Council – 23 February 2022 |
| Report Number | Agenda Item No. 15 |
| Subject | Emergency / Urgency Delegations Decisions |
| 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. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT (ARG) –OMICRON SUPPORT – UPDATE TO POLICY

- 2.1 The Chief Executive had used his delegated powers to approve the ARG policy in December 2021 and this was reported to Council on 26 January 2022 (see minute number CL.19). Since that time, it has become apparent that the policy needed amending to ensure the date a business must be trading from is included.
- 2.2 This has now been included within paragraph 2.2 of the policy.

3. REASONS FOR USE OF URGENCY POWERS

- 3.1. In relation to the ARG, officers had originally requested to go live with the first grant prior to Christmas, with the Business Support Grant process going live from 10th January 2022. This minor amendment to the policy was needed to ensure these grants could continue to be delivered in a smooth and efficient manner.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. This report has no legal implications.

6. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

- 6.1. None required as this report is for noting.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1. None