



WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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| Name and date of Committee  | <b>COUNCIL – 21 MAY 2025</b>   |
| Subject                     | <b>DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY RULES</b>   |
| Wards affected              | None   |
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| Summary/Purpose             | To report to Council on decisions taken under special urgency rules.   |
| Annexes                     | Annex A – Urgent Decision Notice<br>Annex B – Urgent Decision Report   |
| Recommendation(s)           | That the Executive resolves to:<br>I. Note the decision taken as set out in Annex A.   |
| Corporate priorities        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Putting Residents First</li><li>• A Good Quality of Life for All</li><li>• A Better Environment for People and Wildlife</li><li>• Responding to the Climate and Ecological Emergency</li><li>• Working Together for West Oxfordshire</li></ul> |
| Key Decision                | NO   |
| Exempt                      | NO   |
| Consultees/<br>Consultation | The urgent decision was taken in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Executive Member for Finance, the Executive Member for Leisure and Major Projects, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Director of Finance and the Director of Governance.         |

## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1** This report is to notify Council of key decisions taken under special urgency rules over the last year. One such decision was taken, which was to agree a funding application to Sports England.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Regulations and the Council's Constitution (Part 5G) require that the Leader of the Council will submit at least one report annually to full Council with details of each key executive decision taken under special urgency rules.

## **3. URGENT DECISION**

- 3.1** The urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive Officer, including the reasons for it and why it was treated as urgent, are set out in the decision notice attached at Annex A.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 5.** The alternative options considered are set out in the decision notice at Annex A.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1** The Financial Implications were set out in the decision report attached as Annex B.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1** The Legal Implications were set out in the decision report attached as Annex B.
- 7.2** The requirement for the Leader to report to full Council is set out in Regulation 19 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

## **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1** The risk assessment was set out in the decision report attached as Annex B.

## **9. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 9.1** There are no equality implications arising from this urgent decision.

## **10. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1** The climate and ecological emergencies implications were set out in the decision report attached as Annex B.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 11.1** None.

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