

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE – 28 APRIL 2020**

**ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

This report informs members of the actions taken by Council Chief Officers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic using their delegated powers.

**1. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN**

This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

**2. BACKGROUND**

Reference is made to paragraph 5 of the Scheme of Delegation which gives the Chief Executive the following delegated power:

“in an emergency, to initiate action under any statutory procedure related to a function of the Council, subject to a report being made to the appropriate Committee at the first opportunity on any item for which Committee approval would normally be necessary”;

Report No 122/20 advised Special Council on 3 April 2020 of the actions approved by the Chief Executive using this delegated power in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reports 121/20, 123/20, 124/20 and 126/20 also agreed at Special Council on 3 April 2020, gave additional delegated powers to the Chief Executive and Directors as detailed in Appendix 1 Interim Scheme of Delegation to Officers”. This report provides details of the further actions approved by the Chief Executive and Directors using these emergency delegated powers.

**3. FURTHER ACTIONS TAKEN**

Since 3 April, a number of further actions have been taken by the Chief Executive and the Directors using these emergency delegated powers and, where there is a requirement to report these actions to the next available committee, these are detailed in separate Appendices to this report. Work has since been undertaken to devise a standard pro-forma for seeking approval of use of these emergency powers and this will be used going forward in order to provide a consistent approach.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As noted in Report 122/20 the actions taken will have financial implications for the Council to varying degrees. Some may have no financial implications. Financial implications that have been identified are detailed in the respective Appendices.

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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