

Delegated Decisions January 2026 onwards	
Executive Summary	This report details the decisions taken under delegated powers from January 2026.
Options considered	Not applicable – the recording and reporting of delegated decisions is a statutory requirement.
Consultation(s)	Consultation is not required as this report and accompanying appendix is for information only. No decision is required, and the outcome cannot be changed as it is historic, factual information.
Recommendations	To receive and note the report and the register of decisions taken under delegated powers.
Reasons for recommendations	<p>The Constitution: Chapter 6, Part 2, details the functions which are delegated to officers. In addition, it requires that any exercise of such powers should be reported to the next meeting of Council, Cabinet or working party (as appropriate).</p> <p>The law requires the Council to record executive and non-executive decisions taken by officers under delegated powers and to publish them on the Council's website.</p> <p>These requirements apply to decisions that would have been taken by Council or the Cabinet if delegated powers had not been given to an officer either -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • under an express delegation granted at a meeting of Cabinet, Council or a Committee. • Or under a general delegation (where responsibility is delegated in the Constitution)
Background papers	Signed decision forms

Wards affected	All Wards
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr T Adams, Leader
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Links to key documents:	
Corporate Plan:	N/A
Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)	N/A

Council Policies & Strategies	Statutory requirement
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Corporate Governance:	
Is this a key decision	Yes / No
Has the public interest test been applied	No
Details of any previous decision(s) on this matter	Delegated decisions are reported to Cabinet and Overview & Scrutiny Committee regularly

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report summarises any decisions taken under delegated powers since January 2026
- 1.2 Delegated decisions are available to the public through the website and are reported to Members via Cabinet. The process for reporting and consulting on these decisions is contained in the Constitution at Chapter 6, 2.1 (Conditional Delegation) and 5.1 and 5.2 (Full Delegation to Chief Officers) and the publication of these decisions is a legal requirement.
- 1.3 Historic lists are available on request. The list of delegated decisions summarises decision taken over the last year. They are reported to Cabinet every few months.

2. Introduction & Background

- 2.1 Decisions under powers delegated by a specific resolution must always be recorded and published. So should decisions under specific delegated powers set out in the Officer Scheme of Delegation in the Constitution.
- 2.2 The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 require that all decisions, including those taken by officers, must state:
 - The decision taken and the date it was made
 - The reasons for the decision
 - Details of options considered and rejected and the reasons why they were rejected
 - Declarations of interest and any dispensations granted in respect of interests

Officers taking a decision under delegation are required to complete a delegated decision form.
- 2.3 The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, section 7 states that any decision should be recorded if it would otherwise have been taken by the relevant local government body, or a committee, sub-committee of that body or a joint committee in which that body participates, but it has been delegated to an officer of that body either

(a) under a specific express authorisation; or

(b) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to—

(i) grant a permission or licence;

(ii) affect the rights of an individual; or

(iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.

These requirements **do not** apply to:

- planning and licencing matters where there are established arrangements for recording decisions: or
- decisions which are purely administrative or operational in nature

2.4 The Constitution requires that for the exercise of any power or function of the Council in routine matters falling within established policies and existing budgets, where waiting until a meeting of the Council, a committee or working party would disadvantage the Council, an elector or a visitor to the District, then the officer exercising the power must consult with the Leader, the relevant portfolio holder and if it relates to a particular part of the District, the local member.

2.5 For the exercise of any power or function of the Council, which in law is capable of delegation, in an emergency threatening life, limb or substantial damage to property within the District, the senior officer shall consult with the Leader or the Deputy Leader.

2.6 Overview and Scrutiny Committee can request to review the delegated decisions list at their meetings so they can fully understand why they were taken and assess the impact on the Council.

3. Proposals and Options

No alternative proposals and options are set out in this report as it is a factual report, for information only and provided to ensure compliance with statutory reporting requirements.

4. Corporate Priorities

This is a statutory report.

5. Financial and Resource Implications

For those decisions recorded that have been delegated by Cabinet at a formal meeting, the financial implications have been set out clearly as part of the committee report. For any other decisions, financial implications are set out on the delegated decision form and summarised in Appendix A (attached)

Comments from the S151 Officer:

The S151 Officer (or member of the Finance team on their behalf) will complete this section.

This is a statutory report

6. **Legal Implications**

The statutory requirements around delegated decisions are set out at section 2 of the report.

Comments from the Monitoring Officer

The Monitoring Officer (or member of the Legal team on behalf of the MO) will complete this section. They will outline any legal advice provided.

This is a statutory report.

7. **Risks**

There is a reputational risk if the Council does not comply with the statutory requirements (set out in section 5 above)

Any risks relating to individual delegated decisions were set out as part of the initial committee report and/or included in the delegated authority form.

8. **Net Zero Target**

This is a statutory report and does not impact on the Council's Net Zero Target.

9. **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion**

Not applicable. No decision is being taken; this report is for information only.

10. **Community Safety issues**

Not applicable. No decision is being taken; this report is for information only.

Conclusion and Recommendations

Each decision has been recorded and a summary is provided at Appendix A

Recommendation:

Cabinet is asked to receive and note the register of decisions taken under delegation.