

## **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBER FOR MILITARY-CIVILIAN INTEGRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, ARTS, TOURISM, AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

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### **COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

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**REFERENCE: L1-22**

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## **L1-22 - AREA BOARD DECISIONS - ONLINE MEETINGS (PERIOD 10)**

### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out decisions requested from Area Boards between 1 – 20 January 2022.

Online Area Board meetings have been accessible to the public via Microsoft Teams for those wishing to take part and contribute to discussions on grant funding, decisions on delegations and key priorities. In addition, meeting recordings could be viewed through a link provided on the agenda and meeting page from the council website (published 5 clear days in advance).

This report seeks a decision from the Leader of the Council to confirm decisions, following the discussions and recommendations at the Area Board meetings held online. It has not been possible for all Area Boards to formally make the decisions at this time, as they have not met in person based on public-health advice relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Consultation**

The Leader will make funding decisions, delegations and agreed priorities following discussion and reflecting subsequent questions of the Area Board members and members of the public.

All items will be detailed within the agenda packs for the relevant Area Boards and available to view online (available 5 days prior to the meeting dates). Members of the public wishing to make representations on the decisions should feed this in at the relevant Area Board meeting to be factored into the Board's recommendation to the Leader. An account of any feedback and recommendations made at each Area Board will be presented to the Leader.

The Leader received representations from some members of Trowbridge Area Board. The members requested that grant applications that had, for a variety of reasons, been received but not been voted upon at the meeting, be approved through his delegated decision in advance of the next meeting. However, notwithstanding this the Leader did not consider it appropriate or necessary to approve the grants which had not received a resolution at the meeting. He noted that the grants could be reconsidered by the Area Board at their next meeting on 17 March 2022.

### **Options Considered**

Since not all formal (in-person) Area Board meetings are taking place during the COVID-19 pandemic it is considered that determination by the Leader (following recommendation from the Area Board) ensures timely and transparent decision-making with local area input.

An alternative option would be for the Leader to make the decisions following recommendation from the local members, however the proposed process is preferred as it also allows for discussion with the public about grant applications at online meetings.

Each Area Board's funding decisions will be considered on its merits and in light of representations received from Area Board members and the public during the 5 days consultation period ahead of the meeting, and any raised during the meeting.

### **Reason for Decision**

To ensure community priorities are met by the projects identified by allowing determination of Area Board funding decisions in a timely manner.

### **DECISION MADE**

I approve that all funding decisions, decisions on delegations, and key priorities taken at Area Boards held online between 1 – 20 January 2022, be approved.

11 January 2022, 7.00pm - Marlborough Area Board

19 January 2022, 6.00pm - Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

20 January 2022, 7.00pm - Trowbridge Area Board

This decision was published on 4 February 2022 and will come into effect on 14 February 2022.

### **The following report and appendices are attached:**

L1\_22\_Area\_Board\_Decision\_Report  
Summary of Decisions 1 - 20 January 2022

### **The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:**

Agenda packs, including funding reports were available to view 5 days prior to the meetings date shown below:

[11 January – Marlborough Area Board](#)

[19 January – Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board](#)

[20 January – Trowbridge Area Board](#)

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Date: 3 February 2022