

REPORT TO ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL – 22 NOVEMBER, 2018

USE OF DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICERS BY REASON OF SPECIAL URGENCY

1 Recommendations

The Council is recommended to note the occasions when officers used delegated powers between March, 2017, and September, 2018, to take decisions by reason of special urgency.

2 Background

2.1 The Council, at its meeting on 28 November, 2013 (Item 7, Page 780), requested that information be circulated to members detailing how often decisions were taken by officers in situations of urgency, as provided for in the Scheme of Governance, Part 2B – List of Officer Powers B1.

2.2 This report confirms that over the period between March, 2017 and September, 2018, there have been 10 occasions when decisions have been taken by officers by reason of special urgency and these are listed in the **Appendix** to this report. By way of comparison, this indicates a slight increase from previous periods as follows -

From	To	Number of occasions
January, 2014	June, 2015	9
June, 2015	February, 2017	8

2.3 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report, had no comments and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3. Scheme of Governance

3.1 The Council is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of paragraph 5 in the General Provisions of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance, as Full Council may delegate to a Committee and to an Officer of the Council any of the functions which have been reserved to Full Council with the exception of functions that statute requires Full Council to determine.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report is providing information and the recommendation will not have a detrimental impact on the protected characteristics of any particular individuals.
- 4.2 The proposals in this report do not require any additional staffing or finance.
- 4.3 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate and Directorate Level –

[Aberdeenshire Corporate Risks](#)

ACORP009 – Operational Risk Management (including health and safety)

[Business Services' Directorate Risks](#)

BSSR003 – Future Governance

Director of Business Services

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APPENDIX - USE OF DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICERS BY REASON OF SPECIAL URGENCY

No.	Date	Committee	Item	Subject
1	16/03/17	Infrastructure Services Committee	17	Member attendance at the Scottish Thistle Awards
2	27/04/17	Aberdeenshire Council	12	Contract Award to replace essential plant at Stonehaven Outdoor Pool
3	30/05/17	Banff and Buchan Area Committee	17	Homologation of Repair Work at Macduff Aquarium
4	29/08/17	Banff and Buchan Area Committee	14	Homologation of Repair Work at Banff Railway Jetty
5	22/08/17	Formartine Area Committee	12	Grant of Temporary Public Entertainment Licence for Funfair at Turriff Show.
6	07/12/17	Education and Children's Services Committee	10	Approval of budget virements relating to rates budget and Active Schools budget.
7	26/04/18	Aberdeenshire Council	12	Landslip at Harbour Road, Gardenstown
8	28/08/18	Buchan Area Committee	18	Approval of procurement in respect of the STEM learning space within Peterhead Academy
9	04/09/18	Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee	13	Approval of additional Operating Hours for a Funfair at Stonehaven Harbour
10	11/09/18	Marr Area Committee	5	Approval of a request for Additional Operating Hours for a Funfair at Bellabeg, Strathdon

