

Scheme of Delegation

1. The Council is invited to consider whether there may be merit in adopting the Scheme of Delegation recommended by The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC). In their December update, OALC included the following paragraphs:
2. At the moment as we head towards Christmas it is very difficult to see what impact the Omicron variant will have on public life in the new year.
3. OALC would advise you to approve the scheme of delegation which we encouraged all councils to have in place in March 2020 before the Coronavirus Regulations (SI no.392) came into force.
4. Wording below is appropriate, it can be adapted to your council's own situation. It may not be necessary for it to be used but it is good to be prepared.

"In response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair, shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline.

The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the Council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations.

This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place."

Geoffrey Ferres

Parish Clerk

Wednesday 5th January 2022