



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	CABINET– 25 JULY 2024
Subject	DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY POWERS – PRODUCTIVITY PLAN
Wards affected	None
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Summary/Purpose	To report to Cabinet on a decision taken by the Chief Executive Officer under urgency powers
Annexes	Annex A – Urgent Decision Notice Annex B – Productivity Plan
Recommendation(s)	That Cabinet resolves to: I. Note the decision taken as set out in Annex A.
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivering Good Services• Responding to the Climate Emergency• Delivering Housing• Supporting Communities• Supporting the Economy
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Director of Governance and Development (Monitoring Officer), Business Manager for Democratic Services, Opposition Group Leaders



1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is to notify Cabinet of a decision taken by the Chief Executive using urgency powers. The decision taken was to agree to submit the Council's Productivity Plan to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council's Constitution at Part D8 includes the following provision for matters of urgency:

The Council's Chief Executive has delegated authority to take any action they consider necessary in the interests of the Council in cases of urgency. They must only act after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Chair of the Council or the appropriate Committee and the relevant Ward Member(s), if any. Any action taken in this way shall be reported to the first available meeting of the Council, Cabinet or relevant Committee, as appropriate.

- 2.2 The Productivity Plan was scheduled to be on the agenda for the Cabinet meeting in July. The Cabinet meeting date was moved to the 25 July 2024 due to the General Election on 4 July 2024. The UK Government required that all plans needed to be submitted by 19 July 2024. An extension to the deadline to the 29 July 2024 did take place but this did not allow for the necessary decision-making processes to be completed.
- 2.3 Therefore, in consultation with lead members, the Chief Executive used Urgency Powers to take an officer decision to submit the plan on behalf of the Council.

3. URGENT DECISION

- 3.1 The urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive Officer, including the reasons for it and why it was treated as urgent, are set out in the decision notice attached at Annex A.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The alternative options considered are set out in the decision notice at Annex A.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive is authorised to take any action he considers necessary in the interests of the Council in cases of urgency.



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The Constitution (Part D8) provides that any decisions taken in this way will be reported to a meeting of the Cabinet, Council or committee, as appropriate.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.1 There are no impact on equalities.

9. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no climate and ecological emergency implications.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

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