

## Report of the Chief Executive

**EXERCISE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S URGENCY POWERS**1. Purpose of Report

To report the exercise of the Chief Executive's urgency powers under the Constitution in order to respond to an urgent need to address anti-social behaviour in Beeston and Chilwell, to increase the capital budget for electrical upgrade at Kimberley Depot and to revise stray dog and kennelling fees.

2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to NOTE the exercise of the Chief Executive's Urgency Powers to:**

- 1. Provide additional budget of £2,500 to address anti-social behaviour in Beeston and Chilwell, with funding being provided by an allocation from Revenue Contingencies in 2022/23**
- 2. Provide additional capital budget of £15,000 for electrical upgrade works at Kimberley Depot, with funding being provided by an allocation from General Fund Capital Contingencies in 2022/23.**
- 3. Approve the revised stray dog and kennelling fees for 2022/23.**

3. Detail3.1 Chayah Project

The Chayah project, a social enterprise, has previously presented to the former Community Safety Committee on work it has done to address youth violence issues in Stapleford. The outreach work had successful outcomes. Problems have arisen more recently in Beeston and Chilwell, which other enforcement powers have not been able to address. Given the successful work done by the Chayah Project in Stapleford it was thought necessary and desirable to use this organisation to undertake outreach activities in Beeston and Chilwell with a view to addressing the issues and resolving them. It was necessary to act quickly to secure this intervention promptly. The cost is £2,500, so additional provision was made for the cost in the manner indicated in paragraph 4.

3.2 Kimberley Depot

Following a tender exercise, the cost of the electrical upgrade at Kimberley depot is approximately £65,000. The capital budget for this upgrade is £50,000. However, due to the Health and Safety and nature of this work and the increasing material costs due to inflation it is important that the Council proceeds with the upgrade immediately.

### 3.3 Stray Dog and Kennelling Fees

Following a tendering exercise for the provision of a kennels service in support of the stray dog service, an amendment to the current fees and charges in line with those detailed in the successful tender submission is necessary.

The number of stray dogs taken to the kennels in 2021/22 during office hours was 26. Over the same period, the total number of stray dogs taken to the kennels during out of office hours was nine. Based upon the new tender, the overall cost for the stray dogs collected and taken to kennels would reduce in line with the revised fees.

### 4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There was no budgetary provision in place for the cost of the Chayah project scheme. An allocation of £2,500 has therefore been made from the revenue contingencies budget in 2022/23, of which £17,500 subsequently remains available (subject to any other requests on this agenda).

The Capital Programme 2022/23 already included a budget of £50,000 towards Kimberley Depot Electrical Upgrades. The cost to complete this scheme following receipt of tenders has increased to £65,000. An additional funding allocation of £15,000 has therefore been made from the capital contingencies budget in 2022/23, of which £40,000 subsequently remains available (subject to any other requests on this agenda).

The increasing the Stray Dog and Kennelling Fees in line with the recent tender outcomes will not have any significant impact on the revenue budget.

### 5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

### 6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

### 7. Union Comments

Not applicable.

### 8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

The Chayah organisation will be required to comply with the GDPR /data protection statutory obligations.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

Not required.

10. Background Papers

Nil.