

ADDITION TO SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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1. Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 places Gloucestershire County Council under a collective duty with other Category 1 responders to provide an effective local response to a major incident or emergency. This is exercised through the Local Resilience Forum.
2. In the event of an emergency, the LRF will establish a Strategic Co-ordination Group (GOLD), a Tactical Co-ordination Group (SILVER) and a Recovery Co-ordinating Group, on which groups the Council is represented by suitably senior officers. In the case of the Strategic Co-ordination Group cover, a rota is maintained to ensure that appropriate cover is always in place
3. The purpose of these arrangements is to ensure that, where necessary, decisions can be taken in response to the immediate situation. This means that, where necessary, senior officers will need to be authorised to take decisions on behalf of the Council that are not ordinarily within their remit.
4. These responsibilities are not currently reflected in the Council’s Scheme of Delegation, and since they do not necessarily reflect the Council’s usual hierarchy or structure, for the avoidance of doubt, and to ensure that the Council is able to discharge its responsibilities, it is recommended that the following entry is added to ensure that the necessary delegations are in place.

Decision category number	Function, duty of power to be delegated	Appropriate Officer	Consultation under paragraph 5.4
GEN5	In a declared emergency or major incident, to commit such resources and take such decisions as are necessary for the immediate management of the response in order to comply with the Council’s duties under all relevant legislation. Any such decision taken must be reported to the relevant Cabinet Member and Chief Officer as soon as is practicably possible.	Any Officer when acting as Duty Gold or Silver Officer at the Local Resilience Forum’s Strategic Co-ordinating Group, Tactical Co-ordinating Group or Recovery Co-ordinating Group.	N/A

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