

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE SHADOW COUNCIL

THE SHADOW EXECUTIVE
Tuesday, 17 February 2009

DECISIONS DIGEST

THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2009. SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER MONDAY 2 MARCH 2009.

DATE
ISSUED/PUBLISHED
20 FEBRUARY 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO./SUBJECT	DECISION	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ACTIONING OFFICER
BT1 UPDATE ON BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME <i>(Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Head of Customer Services & Business Transformation (including Revenues & Benefits), CBC email: clive.jones@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168)</i>	that the progress being made on the Business Transformation Programme be noted and that Officers be requested to provide a further report on the options for governance of the programme to be presented to the Executive at a future meeting.	Portfolio for Business Transformation	Director of Business Transformation
BT2 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) - REFRESH AND SIGN-OFF <i>(Contact Officer: Ian Porter, Head of Service Policy, Partnerships & Performance email: ian.porter@bedscc.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276067)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. that the current indicators and targets for Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Area Agreement (LAA), as set out in the tables in paragraph 2.4 of the report of the Director of Business Transformation, be agreed.2. that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio holder(s), to conclude the negotiation of any outstanding targets.	Portfolio for Business Transformation	Director of Business Transformation

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<p>SD1 EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN REVIEW TO 2031 - EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (EERA) CALL FOR ADVICE <i>(Contact Officer: Simon Andrews, Acting Forward Plans Manager email: simon.andrews@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611352)</i></p>	<p>1. that the main findings and conclusions of the report, of the Director of Sustainable Communities, be approved as the basis of a response for Central Bedfordshire on the call for advice from EERA.</p> <p>2. that the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder (Sustainable Development), be authorised to amend the response to incorporate any minor amendments.</p>	Portfolio for Sustainable Development	Director of Sustainable Communities
<p>CR1 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2009/10 <i>(Contact Officer: Brian Mew, Interim Financial Services Manager email: brian.mew@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611070)</i></p>	<p><i>that the Council be recommended to:-</i></p> <p>1. <i>approve the Treasury Management Policy and Annual Treasury Management Strategy 2009/10; and</i></p> <p>2. <i>adopt the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in the Public Services (Revised 2001).</i></p>	Portfolio for Corporate Resources	Director of Corporate Resources
<p>CR2 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/10 - 2012/13 <i>(Contact Officer: Brian Mew, Interim Financial Services Manager email: brian.mew@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611070)</i></p>	<p><i>that the Shadow Executive, having considered the comments of the Shadow Scrutiny Committee and Corporate Resources Transitional Task Force on the proposed draft Capital Programme, recommends that the Council:-</i></p> <p>1. <i>approves the General Fund Capital Programme for 2009/10 – 2010/11 attached at Appendix B to the report of the Director of Corporate Resources now submitted;</i></p> <p>2. <i>2. approves in principle the indicative Capital Programme proposals for 2011/12 – 2012/13 attached at Appendix C subject to:-</i></p>	Portfolio for Corporate Resources	Director of Corporate Resources

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	<p>(i) a limit of expenditure of £50m, as indicated in paragraph 5 of the report of the Director of Corporate Resources and Scrutiny Committee be requested to establish a task force to review the Capital Programme having regard to the requirements of Central Bedfordshire Council, early in the new municipal year;</p> <p>(ii) adoption of the principle that the Capital Programme should not include provision for bridging loans in respect of S106 agreements except where exceptional circumstances dictate.</p> <p>3. approves the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2009/10 – 2012/13, attached at Appendix E.</p> <p>4. approves the Capital Investment Strategy, attached at Appendix F.</p>		
<p>CR3 REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Head of Financial Services (including Procurements) email: matt.bowmer@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611254)</p>	<p>1. that Officers be requested to formulate a further two options for reducing the rate of the proposed Band D Council Tax for 2009/10 to:-</p> <p>(i) 1%; and</p> <p>(ii) 2.5% respectively</p> <p>and to report thereon to the meeting of the Shadow Council to be held on 26 February 2009 including the implications for:-</p> <p>(a) service levels, the revenue budget 2009/10 and the medium term financial plan 2009/10 – 2013/14;</p> <p>(b) equalisation of Council Tax levels between Mid and South Bedfordshire by 2010/11 (end of year 2);</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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	<p>(c) the General Fund Reserve level for 2009/10 – 2013/14</p> <p>2. that the Council Tax Base, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report of the Director of Corporate Resources now submitted, be noted.</p> <p>3. <i>that the Council be recommended to approve the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, as set out at Appendix 7 to the report of the Director of Corporate Resources.</i></p> <p>4. <i>that the Council be recommended:-</i></p> <p>(a) <i>to approve the proposed differential fee structure for 2009/10 in respect of the limited number of district fees and charges set out in paragraph 8 of the report now submitted save for the reinstatement of the concession for collecting cement bound asbestos for people in receipt of means tested benefit; and</i></p> <p>(b) <i>subject to (a) above and rounding up of figures where appropriate, to approve the Fees and Charges as set out in Appendix 8 of the report, for implementation with effect from 1 April 2009.</i></p>		
<p>CR4 MEDIUM TERM PROPERTY STRATEGY <i>(Contact Officer: Clive Heaphy, Director of Corporate Resources, CBC email: clive.heaphy@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611421)</i></p>	<p>1. that the Central Bedfordshire Council Property Strategy set out at Appendix 1 to the report of the Director of Corporate Resources, be adopted.</p> <p>2. that the approach to the Medium Term Accommodation Plan as set out in the report of the Director of Corporate Resources, be endorsed.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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<p>CR5 CREATING CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE - PROGRESS REPORT <i>(Contact Officer: Simon Redmore, Deputy Chief Executive, MBDC email: simon.redmore@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611255)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that the progress report be noted and that Officers be requested to provide a further progress report to the next meeting of the Shadow Executive. 2. that the update on shared services be noted and the proposed way forward for service delivery as set out in respect of each service listed in Appendix A of the report of the Programme Management Office now submitted, be noted; 3. that delegated authority be given to the Interim Chief Executive to revise the list dependent upon the outcome of any further negotiations; 4. that delegated authority be given to the Interim Chief Executive and Directors to “sign off” the final versions of the service level agreements in their respective service areas. 5. that the proposal to re-designate second and third tier posts in the Central Bedfordshire staffing structure as “Assistant Directors” and “Heads of Service” respectively, be endorsed. 	Portfolio for Corporate Resources	Director of Corporate Resources
<p>CR6 AWARD OF TENDER FOR INSURANCE PROVISION <i>(Contact Officer: Nick Murley, Head of Audit, Risk & Health & Safety email: nick.murley@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611605)</i></p>	<p>that the award of tenders to procure the provision of insurance cover for Central Bedfordshire, for a period of three years at an indicative cost of £893,165, as set out in the schedule at Appendix 2 to the report of the Director of Corporate Resources, be approved.</p>	Portfolio for Corporate Resources	Director of Corporate Resources

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<p>CR7 KEY ICT POLICIES - PART 1 <i>(Contact Officer: Rob Wood, Head of ICT, CBC email: rob.wood@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01582 474161)</i></p>	<p>1. that the attached policies, at Appendix A - Data Protection Policy as amended at paragraph 19.6, Appendix B - Freedom of Information Policy, Appendix C - Environmental Information Regulations Policy and Appendix D - Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulation Policy to the report of the Director of Corporate Resources, for implementation on 1 April 2009, be approved; and</p> <p>2. that the responsibility for the insertion of final administrative changes (e.g. contact details) be delegated to the Head of Service (ICT) in conjunction with the Head of Service (Policy and Performance).</p>	Portfolio for Corporate Resources	Director of Corporate Resources
<p>CR8 CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL - MICROSOFT LICENCE PROCUREMENT PHASE 1 <i>(Contact Officer: Rob Wood, Head of ICT, CBC email: rob.wood@midbeds.gov.uk Tel: 01582 474161)</i></p>	that the procurement of Microsoft Licences (Phase 1) to the value of £889,694 as set out in the report of the Director of Corporate Resources, be approved.	Portfolio for Corporate Resources	Director of Corporate Resources
<p>EX2 (SD2) HIGHWAYS CONTRACT OPTIONS <i>(Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Head of Highways, CBC email: basil.jackson@bedscc.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228477)</i></p>	<p>1(a) that officers be instructed to negotiate with Bedford Borough Council (BBC) in accordance with option 2 as detailed in the report of the Director of Sustainable Communities which is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>1(b) that, in the event that the option referred to in recommendation 1(a) above cannot be negotiated successfully, Officers negotiate further with BBC and Amey as indicated in the exempt report of the Director of Sustainable Communities.</p>	Portfolio for Sustainable Development	Director of Corporate Resources

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	1(c) that, in the event that the action under 1(a) and 1(b) above both fail, Officers provide a more detailed report on the financial and operational risks of the remaining options as detailed in the exempt report of the Director of Sustainable Communities.		

Date Issued:	20 February 2009	To:	All Members of the Shadow Council and Management Team
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NOTE: Recommendations of the Executive to the Council (shown in italics) are NOT subject to call-in.