

**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

**THE EXECUTIVE**  
**Tuesday, 21 July 2009**

**DECISIONS DIGEST**

**THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 30 JULY 2009. SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER 31 JULY 2009**

**DATE  
ISSUED/PUBLISHED  
THURSDAY 23 JULY 2009**

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO./SUBJECT</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b>	<b>ACTIONING OFFICER</b>
<b>CAA AREA ASSESSMENT KEY QUESTIONS</b> <i>(Contact Officer: Ian Porter, Distant Director Policy, Partnerships &amp; Performance email: <a href="mailto:ian.porter@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">ian.porter@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a> Tel: 01234 228067)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That, subject to the inclusion of minor amendments requested by the Executive, the draft self-evaluation CAA Area Assessment questions be approved for submission to the Audit Commission on 31 July 2009.</li><li>2. That the Theme Leads be given delegated authority to work with partners to complete the self-evaluation before submission to the Audit Commission on 31 July 2009.</li></ol>	Leader of the Council	Director of Business Transformation

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<p><b>BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FINAL OUTTURN 2008/09</b>            (Contact Officer: Nyree Hone, Head of Corporate Finance            email: <a href="mailto:nyree.hone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">nyree.hone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>            Tel: 01234 276359)</p>	<p>That the outturn position for Bedfordshire County Council as set out in the submitted report be noted.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p><b>MID BEDFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2008/09</b>            (Contact Officer: Brian Mew, Interim Financial Services Manager            email: <a href="mailto:brian.mew@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">brian.mew@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>            Tel: 01462 611070)</p>	<p>That the outturn position for Mid Bedfordshire District Council as set out in the submitted report be noted.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p><b>SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL OUTTURN 2008/09</b>            (Contact Officer: Brian Mew, Interim Financial Services Manager,            email: <a href="mailto:brian.mew@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">brian.mew@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>            Tel: 01462 611070)</p>	<p>That the outturn position for South Bedfordshire District Council as set out in the submitted report be noted.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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<p><b>IMPLICATIONS OF LEGACY OUTTURN FOR CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services  email:mat.bowmer@centralbedfordsshire.gov.uk)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the implications for Central Bedfordshire from the emerging outturn positions at the three legacy authorities as set out in the submitted report be noted.</li> <li>2. That the proposed transfers to earmarked reserves set out in Agenda Items 8, 9 and 10 be approved.</li> <li>3. That a review be undertaken of earmarked reserves.</li> <li>4. That an assessment be carried out of the impact of service under and overspends on Central Bedfordshire's revenue position.</li> <li>5. That ICT capital expenditure of £3.6m as set out in Agenda item 9 be approved.</li> <li>6. That the set aside of usable capital receipts as set out in Agenda item 9 be approved.</li> <li>7. That a review be undertaken of slippage on legacy capital programmes to assess the impact on Central Bedfordshire's Capital Programme.</li> </ol>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p><b>CHANGE TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR 16-19 EDUCATION TRAINING</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning  email:)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Central Bedfordshire Council joins a formal sub-regional grouping (SRG) with Hertfordshire County Council, Bedford Borough Council and Luton Borough Council for the purpose of joint commissioning of further education provision in the sub-region.</li> </ol>	<p>Portfolio for Culture and Skills</p>	<p>Director of Children, Families and Learning</p>

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<p><i>sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</i>  <i>Tel: 0300 300 5522)</i></p>	<p>2. That the stage 2 proposals made by the SRG for establishing readiness for 16-19 commissioning be approved.</p> <p>3. That the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children, Families and Learning be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills, and within the proposed governance arrangements for the SRG, to take forward detailed operational arrangements to ensure effective commissioning of education and training for 16-19 year olds, as outlined in the final stage 2 submission to the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and attached to the submitted report.</p>		
<p><b>NIRAH (NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH INTO AQUATIC HABITATS)</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Liz Wade, Assistant Director Economic Growth and Regeneration email:liz.wade@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)</i></p>	<p><i>That the decision of the Director of Sustainable Communities, taken in accordance with the urgency procedures set out at item 3.5.1 of the Scheme of Delegation to officers, to not provide the further public finance requested by NIRAH Holdings Ltd in respect of legal action being pursued by the Company, be noted.</i></p>	<p>Portfolio for Economic Growth &amp; Regeneration</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p><b>BEAR PROJECT LAND PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Ben Finlayson, BEaR Project Manager email: ben.finlayson.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)</i></p>	<p>1. <i>The Executive notes that by signing the option agreement the authority is committing to purchase the site on a freehold basis subject to:-</i></p> <p><i>(a) the successful bidder electing to utilise the site; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) planning permission being granted for the proposal.</i></p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>

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	<p>2. <i>The Executive authorises the financial commitment associated with the option fee from the Council's capital programme over the years 2009/10 and 2010/11 as detailed in Appendix C of the submitted report.</i></p> <p>3. <i>That delegated authority be given to the Directors of Sustainable Communities and Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio holders for Safer and Stronger Communities and Corporate Resources, to:</i></p> <p>(a) <i>finalise negotiations with the landowner in line with the approximate costs detailed within the submitted report and to authorise the signing of the option agreement on behalf of the Council.</i></p> <p>(b) <i>continue dialogue with the other Partnership members to obtain agreement on the cost share for approval by members later in the procurement process.</i></p> <p>(c) <i>continue dialogue with the landowner of the Rookery Pit South site in order to secure a second option agreement if required.</i></p>		
<p><b>INTERMEDIATE ACCOMODATION AND ICT SOLUTION</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property email:</i></p>	<p>1. That approval be given to acquire office accommodation referred to in the exempt report now submitted.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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<a href="mailto:mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a> Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038015)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. That approval be given to the recommendation to resolve intermediate accommodation for staff referred to in the exempt report now submitted.</li> <li>3. That approval be given to accelerate the migration of applications from legacy ICT platforms to a common Central Bedfordshire Council ICT platform.</li> <li>4. That the ongoing approach to developing the Medium Term Accommodation Plan set out in the submitted report be endorsed.</li> </ol>		

Date Issued:	23 July 2009	To:	All Members of the Council and Management Team
<b>NOTE: Recommendations shown in italics are urgent and NOT subject to call-in.</b>			