

**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

**THE EXECUTIVE**  
Tuesday, 6 April 2010

**DECISIONS DIGEST**

**THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2010. SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2010.**

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ISSUED/PUBLISHED**  
8 April 2010

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO./SUBJECT</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b>	<b>ACTIONING OFFICER</b>
<b>STATUTORY PROPOSALS TO MERGE SUNNYSIDE AND HITCHMEAD SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b> <i>(Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning email: sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5522)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. that Executive approves the statutory proposals to discontinue Hitchmead Foundation Special School (Biggleswade) and make an enlargement by expansion to Sunnyside Community Special School (Biggleswade) with effect from 31 August and 1 September 2010 respectively.</li><li>2. that £70k capital funding be allocated from the 2010/11 Schools Access Initiative budget to enable the necessary modifications to be made to the Hitchmead premises to improve accessibility and the provision of more appropriate changing/WC facilities for disabled pupils.</li></ol> <p><b>NOTE: THIS DECISION IS EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN</b></p>	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services	Deputy Chief Executive/ Director of Children's Services

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<p><b>APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning email: sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5522)</i></p>	<p>1. that the Executive approves:</p> <p>(a) the commencement of the following capital projects:</p> <p>(i) Etonbury Middle School – provision of additional pupil places at a capital cost of £941k (S106 funded);</p> <p>(ii) the refurbishment of Tithe Farm Lower School at a capital cost of £1.774m (DCSF funded – Primary Capital Programme); and</p> <p>(iii) specialist provision for Autistic Spectrum Disorder at Holmemead Middle School at a capital cost of £550k;</p> <p>(b) the Schools Accessibility Strategy, as attached at Appendix D to the submitted report, and the use of the Schools Access Initiative funds (£579k) across all community, Voluntary Controlled and Foundation schools in accordance with the priorities set out in the Strategy;</p> <p>2. that the Executive notes the approval of the following capital projects under the Council’s Scheme of Delegation:</p> <p>(a) alterations to Arnold Middle School at a capital cost of £457k;</p> <p>(b) teaching/learning practical food skills at Gilbert Inglefield Middle School at a capital cost of £323k (DCSF grant and S106);</p> <p>(c) teaching/learning practical food skills at Parkfields Middle School at a capital cost of £324k (DCSF grant and S106);and</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children's Services</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive/ Director of Children’s Services</p>

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	(d) rolling programme of improvements to school kitchens and dining rooms at a total cost of £622k across 24 schools (DCSF grant).		
<p><b>HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Julie Ogley, Director of Social Care, Health and Housing email: julie.ogley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4221)</i></p>	that the Homelessness Strategy for Central Bedfordshire, as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report, be approved.	Portfolio Holder for Housing	Director of Social Care, Health and Housing
<p><b>CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE, ENERGY AND RECYCLING (BEAR) PROJECT - BUSINESS CASE APPROVAL</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Alan Fleming, BEaR Project Director, Sustainable Communities email: alan.fleming@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6968)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the detail of the BEaR Project Business Case, as outlined in the submitted report, be noted;</li> <li>2. that approval be given to the Project Governance Structure, as outlined in paragraph 11 of the submitted report and detailed in the Business Case;</li> <li>3. endorsement be given to the modelled affordability position of the residual treatment element over the period 2016 to 2041, as outlined in the Exempt Appendix A – Financial Appraisal;</li> <li>4. that approval be given to the inclusion of the additional infrastructure elements within the procurement, as outlined in the submitted report, subject to an affordability review and further report to the Executive;</li> <li>5. that approval be given for the Project to move into procurement at the earliest possible date;</li> <li>6. that the Executive re-affirms its commitment to achieving 60% recycling/composting by 2020.</li> </ol>	Portfolio for Safer Communities & Healthier Lifestyles	Director of Sustainable Communities

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<p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2010 - 2012</b>            (Contact Officer: Jeanette Keyte, Community Safety Manager email: <a href="mailto:jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a> Tel: 0845 849 6252)</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDED</b>  <i>that the Community Safety Partnership Plan and strategic assessment priorities identified for 2010 – 2012, as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report, be adopted.</i></p>	<p>Portfolio for Safer Communities &amp; Healthier Lifestyles</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p><b>WEB DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY</b>            (Contact Officer: Georgina Stanton, Assistant Director Communications email: <a href="mailto:georgina.stanton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">georgina.stanton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a> Tel: 0300 300 4438)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that approval be given to the Web Strategy objectives and approach, as outlined at Appendix A to the submitted report;</li> <li>2. that the core strands of activity referred to as the 5 pillars of the strategy, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report, be approved.</li> </ol>	<p>Deputy Leader of the Council/ Portfolio Holder for Policy and Performance</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>
<p><b>THE CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNICATION STRATEGY</b>            (Contact Officer: Georgina Stanton, Assistant Director Communications email: <a href="mailto:georgina.stanton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">georgina.stanton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a> Tel: 0300 300 4438)</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b>  <i>that the strategic objectives, core strands of activity and performance measures within the Communications Strategy, attached as Appendix A to the submitted report, be endorsed.</i></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED</b>  <i>that the Communications Strategy, attached as Appendix A to the submitted report, be approved for implementation.</i></p>	<p>Deputy Leader of the Council/ Portfolio Holder for Policy and Performance</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>

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<p><b>LEASE OF HEALTH CENTRE, BEDFORD SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE TO BEDFORDSHIRE PCT</b>  <i>(Contact Officer: Peter Burt, MRICS, Head of Property Assets email: peter.burt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5281)</i></p>	<p>that a 10-year lease be granted to the NHS Houghton Regis Health Centre on the basis of the Heads of Terms, as set out in Appendix A to the submitted report, to enable the opening of the new Health Centre in Houghton Regis.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Customers, Systems and Assets</p>	<p>Director of Customer and Shared Services</p>

Date Issued:	8 April 2010	To:	All Members of the Council and Management Team
<p><b>NOTE: Recommendations of the Executive to the Council (shown in bold and italics) are NOT subject to call-in.</b></p>			