

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE
Tuesday, 12 January 2010

DECISIONS DIGEST

THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON **THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2010**. SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER **FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2010**.

DATE
ISSUED/PUBLISHED
14 JANUARY 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO./SUBJECT	DECISION	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ACTIONING OFFICER
<p>POLICY APPROACH TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990, CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 AND ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION <i>(Contact Officer: Jane Moakes, Assistant Director Community Safety & Public Protection email: jane.moakes@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5441)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That approval be given to the new policy approach for undertaking Central Bedfordshire Council's duties and responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Act, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act and associated legislation, as detailed in Appendix F to the submitted report; in line with the 'Working Better Together' Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Local Government Association and Environment Agency.2. That the Director of Sustainable Communities be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, to negotiate a new local agreement to suit local circumstances with the Environment Agency.	Portfolio for Safer and Stronger Communities	Director of Sustainable Communities

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	<p>3 In noting the financial implications detailed in the submitted report the Executive asked that further thought be given to the principle of ring fencing generated income.</p>		
<p>REVIEW OF GROWTH AREA FUND ROUND 3 (GAF3) PROGRAMMES <i>(Contact Officer: Jon Cliff, Head of Growth Programme email: jon.cliff@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4373)</i></p>	<p>That approval be given to the changes to the Growth Area Fund Round 3 (GAF3) Programmes for the Bedford and Marston Vale Growth Area and the Luton and South Central Bedfordshire Growth Area, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p>DESIGN IN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE - A GUIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT <i>(Contact Officer: Fiona Webb, Team Leader, Conservation Project Design email: fiona.webb@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4405)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Executive welcomes the widespread and broadly positive response and support to the Draft Design Guide following formal public consultation and endorsement of the Council's response, as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report. 2. That the Design Guide for Development be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) constituting part of Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Development Framework (LDF). 3. That the Director of Sustainable Communities be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development, to resolve any minor typographical, quantitative and explanatory amendments to the text of the SPD prior to its operation. 	<p>Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>

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<p>BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY - PHASE 1 - TOTAL PLACE PILOT PROJECT <i>(Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Assistant Director Business Transformation & Customer Services email: clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Executive notes progress made on the Total Place pilot and endorses the principles, as set out in the submitted report, for moving forward. 2. That final sign-off of the report for submission to the Leadership Centre for Local Government / HM Treasury on 5 February 2010 be delegated to the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Transformation and the Chief Executive. This is because there is no leeway in the reporting timescale to HM Treasury and officers across a number of public sector organisations in Central Bedfordshire and Luton require the time to finalise the report. 	Portfolio for Business Transformation	Director of Business Transformation
<p>ADOPTION & FOSTERING <i>(Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Deputy Director Children Families and Learning and Assistant Director Specialist Services email: martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Statements of Purpose for the Adoption and Fostering Services, as detailed in the submitted report, be approved. 2. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Families and Learning, to approve any variations and review of the Statements of Purpose for the Adoption and Fostering Services. 	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services	Director of Children, Families and Learning
<p>THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE CHILDREN'S WORKFORCE IN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE <i>(Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Assistant Director Learning & Schools Support email: patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk tel: 0300 300 6821)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Children's Workforce Strategy, as detailed in the submitted report, be endorsed. 2. That approval be given to the budgetary commitment, as outlined in the submitted report, to support the work of the Children's Workforce Development Service for at least the length of the proposed Strategy. 	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services	Director of Children, Families and Learning

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	<p>3. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Children Families and Learning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services and the Children's Trust Board, to approve any future variations and reviews of the strategy, unless such variations or reviews materially affect the direction and purpose of the agreed strategy.</p>		
<p>2009 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES <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 2009 annual performance rating for Central Bedfordshire Children's Services, as outlined in the submitted report, be noted.</p> <p>2. That approval be given to the action to be taken to improve future assessment outcomes, as set out in paragraphs 10 to 13 of the submitted report.</p>	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services	Director of Children, Families and Learning
<p>RAISING ACHIEVEMENT IN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE'S SCHOOLS <i>(Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Assistant Director Learning & Schools Support email: patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6821)</i></p>	<p>That approval be given to the direction in policy to raise achievement in Central Bedfordshire's Schools, as detailed in the submitted report.</p>	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services	Director of Children, Families and Learning

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<p>AWARD OF CONTRACTS (CONSTRUCTION AND FURNITURE) FOR THE INTERIM ACCOMMODATION PLAN <i>(Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property email: mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5609)</i></p>	<p>That the construction contract for the Interim Accommodation Plan be awarded to Contractor 1, and the furniture contract for the Interim Accommodation Plan be awarded to Contractor A, as outlined in the submitted report.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>ICT INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL BUDGET 2009/10 <i>(Contact Officer: Caroline Carruthers, Assistant Director Property and ICT email: caroline.carruthers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel 03003006736)</i></p>	<p>That the funding omission identified in the submitted report be rectified and the Capital Programme, as revised, be endorsed.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2010/11 <i>(Contact Officer: Stephen Cooke, Electoral/Members' Services Manager email: stephen.cooke@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4035)</i></p>	<p>That the financial implications of the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the Scheme of Members' Allowances for the year commencing 1 April 2010, as set out in the submitted report, be noted.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER <i>(Contact Officer: Nick Murley, Assistant Director Audit & Risk email: nick.murley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4605)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Strategic Risk Register (SRR), attached at Appendix A to the submitted report, be approved. 2. That the SRR be reviewed by the Executive twice a year. 	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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<p>PROPOSED VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE SCHEME (Contact Officer: Gordon McFarlane, Acting Assistant Director Human Resources and Organisational Development email: gordon.mcfarlane@centralbedfords hire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276679)</p>	<p>That the voluntary severance scheme, to be operated within the parameters of the Council's existing Severance/Early Retirement Policy, as detailed in the submitted report, be approved.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</p>	<p><i>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>That the Treasury Management Policy and the Treasury Management Strategy, as detailed in the report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources, be approved.</i> 2. <i>That the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice 2009 and The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities be adopted.</i> 	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>DISAGGREGATION OF THE ASSETS OF THE FORMER BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Executive agrees the proposals for the disaggregation of the assets of the former Bedfordshire County Council, as outlined in the submitted report, and confirms that it considers the proposals to be in the best interests of both Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough Councils'. 	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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	<p>2. That the proposed agreements with Bedford Borough Council, as set out in the Appendices to the submitted report, on the share of future asset sales for assets formerly belonging to the County Council, be approved.</p> <p>3. That the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources, be given delegated authority to agree any non-material amendments to the share of assets, liabilities, provisions or reserves still to be determined.</p>		

Date Issued:	14 January 2010	To:	All Members of the Council and Management Team
NOTE: Recommendations of the Executive to the Council (shown in italics) are NOT subject to call-in.			