

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE
Tuesday, 13 October 2009

DECISIONS DIGEST

THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2009 SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2009.

DATE
ISSUED/PUBLISHED
15 OCTOBER 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO./SUBJECT	DECISION	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ACTIONING OFFICER
SUPPORTED LOCAL BUS SERVICES - BUDGET PRESSURES 2009/10 <i>(Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways email: basil.jackson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6171)</i>	<p>As a result of the call-in by the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee of the Executive's decision on the Supported Local Bus Services – Budget Pressures 2009/10 (minute E/09/60 refers) from the meeting held on 15 September 2009 the Executive reconsidered its original decision alongside the concerns and recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That support be withdrawn from the three poorer value for money services listed on page 31 of the Executive agenda.2. That a full review of public transport provision in Central Bedfordshire be carried out and reported to the Executive at the earliest opportunity. The review,	Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities	Director of Sustainable Communities

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	<p>which could take up to 12 to 18 months to complete, to include, amongst other things, the impact of the rationalisation of subsidised bus services on Central Bedfordshire residents and consideration of the use of alternative means of transport.</p>		
<p>LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN <i>(Contact Officer: John Austin, Interim Head of Transport Strategy email: john.austin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228687)</i></p>	<p>As part of its deliberations the Executive considered the comments and recommendations in relation to the Local Transport Plan 3 from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 7 October 2009. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were thanked for bringing forward its findings and recommendations which the Executive endorsed.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council produce a single new Local Transport Plan for the whole of Central Bedfordshire and that the Council maintains a formally constituted transport planning partnership body with Luton to oversee preparation of transport planning policy covering the Luton/Dunstable/Houghton Regis Growth Area. 2. That stronger partnerships be developed with all neighbouring authorities covering transport strategy and issues over a broader area with agreed policy responses documented in each authority's own Local Transport Plan, taking account of the priority which needs to be maintained to deliver transport infrastructure and 	<p>Portfolio for Sustainable Development & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>

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	sustainable travel within Growth Areas.		
<p>CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL AND NHS BEDFORDSHIRE JOINT DELIVERY AND SPENDING PLAN FOR CARERS <i>(Contact Officer: James Robinson-Morley, Lead Commissioner (Carers & Service User Engagement) email: james.robinsonmorley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6681)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be given to the actions and budget detailed in the Central Bedfordshire Council and NHS Bedfordshire Action Plan for Implementing the National Carers Strategy attached as Appendix B to the submitted report. 2. Noted that there is £350,000 funding within NHS Bedfordshire that people caring for someone within Central Bedfordshire can access by referral to Carers in Bedfordshire. NHS Bedfordshire is accountable to the Strategic Health Authority for how this money is spent. 	Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation	Director of Social Care, Health and Housing
<p>QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT <i>(Contact Officer: Ian Porter, Distant Director Policy, Partnerships & Performance email: ian.porter@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228067)</i></p>	That the Quarter 1 Performance report for 2009/10 along with the results of Quarter 1 performance for Central Bedfordshire Local Area Agreement for 2009/10 and the results of Central Bedfordshire Place Survey be noted.	Portfolio for Business Transformation	Director of Business Transformation
<p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY <i>(Contact Officer: Ian Porter, Assistant Director Service Policy, Partnerships & Performance email: ian.porter@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276067)</i></p>	As part of its deliberations the Executive considered the comments and recommendations in relation to the report from the Business Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 28 September 2009. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were thanked for bringing forward its findings and recommendations which supported the principles outlined in the Strategy and endorsed the	Portfolio for Business Transformation	Director of Business Transformation Director of Business Transformation

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	<p>recommendations.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That approval be given to the five key principles of the draft Community Engagement Strategy, which are to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give more people greater opportunity to influence decisions; • Enable Councillors to be leaders in and for their communities; • Enhance the role of Town and Parish Councils; • Build the capacity for local people to engage; and • Ensure a joined-up, strategic and coordinated partnership approach. <p>2. Noted that a formal consultation exercise with key partners and officers will be undertaken by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board, during November 2009 – January 2010, to ensure their agreement and support for its implementation.</p> <p>3. Noted that a comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy for Central Bedfordshire will be brought to the Executive meeting on 9 February 2010, in preparation for its implementation from 1 April 2010.</p>		
<p>CUSTOMER SERVICES STRATEGY <i>(Contact Officer: Clive Jones,</i></p>	<p>As part of its deliberations the Executive considered the comments and recommendations in relation to the report</p>	<p>Portfolio for Business Transformation</p>	<p>Director of Business Transformation</p>

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<p><i>Assistant Director Business Transformation & Customer Services email: clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168)</i></p>	<p>from the Business Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 28 September 2009. The Executive having considered the recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which sought a revised vision for the Customer Services Strategy agreed not to accept the recommendation. The Executive agreed it was right that the Council's vision should be to consistently meet and exceed customers' expectations through service excellence.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED:</p> <p><i>That the Customer Services Strategy for Central Bedfordshire Council, as set out in Appendix A to the submitted report, be approved.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Executive notes that progress against the Customer Services Strategy will be monitored via the Business Transformation Overview and Scrutiny Committee. 2. Noted that the Customer Services Strategy will take at least two years to fully enact and progress will be overseen by the Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation in conjunction with the Director of Business Transformation. 		
		Portfolio Holder for	Director of Social

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<p>AWARD OF THE BUILDING CLEANING CONTRACT TO HOUSING GENERAL NEEDS AND SHELTERED HOUSING PROPERTIES <i>(Contact Officer: Basil Quinn, Housing Asset Manager Performance email: basil.quinn@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5118)</i></p>	<p>That the Building Cleaning Services Contract 2009 – 2014 be awarded to Tenderer C as detailed in the submitted report.</p>	<p>Housing</p>	<p>Care, Health and Housing</p>
<p>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2009/10 AS AT 31 AUGUST 2009 <i>(Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report setting out the latest budget projections for the year and also that further work is ongoing to establish the likely out turn for 2009/10 be noted. 2.. That, subject to consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, approval be given to the Directorate action plans and Financial Recovery Plan for the Directorate of Adult Social Care Health and Housing, as detailed in the submitted report. 3. That approval be given to the transfer of £2.74m previously earmarked reserves to General Fund. 4. That, subject to the views of the School's Forum, approval of the final decision in respect of school balances be delegated to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services. 	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY</p>	<p>That approval be given to the publication and implementation of the Central Bedfordshire Council Members Acceptable Use</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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<p>(Contact Officer: Caroline Carruthers, Assistant Director Property & ICT email: caroline.carruthers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 8000)</p>	<p>Policy Report attached to the Chairman's Briefing Notes.</p>		
<p>POTTON COMMUNITY CENTRE (Contact Officer: Caroline Carruthers, Assistant Director Property & ICT email: caroline.carruthers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 288595 / 07825034761)</p>	<p>That, subject to the deletion of paragraph 3 of the submitted report, that approval be given to executing a lease to allow Potton Town Council to occupy Central Bedfordshire Council's property for 30 years from the 1 April 2001 at a peppercorn rent.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES POLICY (Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED:</p> <p><i>That the Fees and Charges Policy, as set out in Appendix A of the submitted report, be approved.</i></p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN IN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE (Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning email: sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk tel: 0300 300 5522)</p>	<p>As part of its deliberations the Executive considered the comments and recommendations in relation to the report from the Children's Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 6 October 2009. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were thanked for bringing forward its findings and recommendations which had been taken into account and which would help in moving forward with the Commissioning Framework.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children's Services</p>	<p>Acting Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Strategic Commissioning Framework for Children in Central Bedfordshire, as set out in the submitted report as amended, be adopted. 2. That the Children’s Trust be asked to consider the involvement of an external view of the process and the commissioning activity. 		
<p>CREASEY PARK COMMUNITY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE <i>(Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning email: roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be given to expenditure of up to £210k from the 2009/10 Central Bedfordshire Council capital programme “Community Football Development Centre – Dunstable” to enable rerouting of the Sustrans cycle path, as set out in paragraph 3.3 and 3.4 of the submitted report, and that a tendering exercise be undertaken on the football development project. 2. That confirmation be given to the appointment of architects currently engaged on the project to act as the lead consultants, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the submitted report. 3. That the appointment of the preferred contractor to undertake the rerouting work of the Sustrans cycle path to meet planning application conditions, as set out in paragraph 3.3 and 3.4 of the submitted report, be delegated to the Acting Chief Executive and Director for Children, Families and Learning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills. 	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation</p>	<p>Acting Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning</p>

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<p>EXTENSION TO SANDY SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE <i>(Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning email: roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239)</i></p>	<p>1. That approval be given to capital expenditure of £690,000 from the Central Bedfordshire Council capital programme for 2009/10 for the extension of Sandy Sport and Leisure Centre.</p> <p>2. That approval be given to the appointment of the current consultants Architects B3 engaged on the project, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the submitted report, to undertake a traditional build process for the extension of Sandy Sport and Recreation Centre.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation</p>	<p>Acting Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning</p>
<p>IMPROVEMENTS TO TIDDENFOOT AND DUNSTABLE LEISURE CENTRE <i>(Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning email: roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239)</i></p>	<p>That approval be given to expenditure of up to £52,000 from the Central Bedfordshire Council 2009/10 capital programme to fund improvements, as set out in paragraph 3 of the Project Initiation Document attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation</p>	<p>Acting Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning</p>

Date Issued:	15 October 2009	To:	All Members of the Council and Management Team
<p>NOTE: Recommendations of the Executive to the Council (shown in italics) are NOT subject to call-in.</p>			