

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE
Tuesday, 10 November 2009

DECISIONS DIGEST

THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS **5.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2009**. SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER **FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2009**.

DATE
ISSUED/PUBLISHED
12 November 2009

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TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT <i>(Contact Officer Liz Wade, Assistant Director Economic Growth & Regeneration email: liz.wade@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 01234 228972)</i>	That the report be deferred to a future meeting of the Executive.	Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Regeneration	Director of Sustainable Communities
JOB GROWTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME <i>(Contact Officer: Jon Cliff, Head of Growth Programme email:jon.cliff@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4373)</i>	1. That approval be given to the following legacy capital projects to proceed: (a) Flitwick Town Centre Development Network Rail Progression Project (£100,000 GAF3 funded) (b) Brewers Hill Road Dunstable, Remediation Work (£100,000 EEDA funded)	Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Regeneration	Director of Sustainable Communities

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	<p>(c) Cranfield Technology Park Acceleration (£290,000 forward funding to be recouped from the developers).</p> <p>2. That the priorities for Employment Site Acceleration, as set out in paragraphs 9 to 14 in the submitted report, be agreed.</p>		
<p>ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME (2009 / 10 CAPITAL PROGRAMME) <i>(Contact Officer: Sarah Hughes, Head of Regeneration and Skills email: sarah.hughes@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6166)</i></p>	<p>1. That approval be given to the expenditure in 2009/10 of £595,000 capital funding from the EEDA Economic Participation Programme allocated to Central Bedfordshire Council for the seven projects set out in the Project Initiation Documents attached at Appendix A to the submitted report.</p> <p>2. That the delegated authority be given to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Regeneration, to approve the remaining unallocated capital of £79,493 for 2009/10.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p>WINTER MAINTENANCE WITHIN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE <i>(Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways & Transport email: basil.jackson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228601)</i></p>	<p>1. That in exceptional circumstances, approval be given to reduce the standard Priority 1 salting network (47% of roads) to a reduced network of solely A and B roads (19%) to be named the Priority 1A network and that this new network be included within the Winter Maintenance Service Plan for 2009-10.</p> <p>2. That Sections 4.4.3 and 4.4.4 of the Bedfordshire Highways Winter Service Plan be replaced with the wording detailed in Appendix C of the submitted report for the 2009 – 2010 winter season.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="656 188 1485 328">3. That Bedfordshire Highways, in conjunction with unitary press officers, develop an education campaign to explain how to get about in adverse weather conditions. <li data-bbox="656 389 1485 529">4. That Bedfordshire Highways, in conjunction with press officers, develop a process whereby the instigation of Priority 1A salting and snow clearance is advertised to road users across Central Bedfordshire. <li data-bbox="656 590 1485 730">5. That approval be given for Central Bedfordshire School Transport service to adopt a formal procedure for the winter of 2009 – 2010 using the valuable experiences gained during 2008 – 2009 winter season. <li data-bbox="656 791 1485 1008">6. That agreement be given for Central Bedfordshire to complete the web development whereby educational establishments can access weather information, specific road conditions and the actions that Bedfordshire Highways are taking with respect to salting and snow clearing. <li data-bbox="656 1069 1485 1248">7. That during any new depot procurement process, approval be given to Central Bedfordshire Council undertaking a reassessment of salt stock levels taking into account the events experienced during recent winter periods. 		

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<p>PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY (Contact Officer: Sue Cawthra, Enforcement & Appeals Team Leader email:sue.cawthra@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611369)</p>	<p>That the Planning Enforcement Policy, as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report, be approved.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p>EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN REVIEW - CONSULTATION (Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Plan email: richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105)</p>	<p>1. That comments be made on the proposed Scenarios identified by EERA in the consultation on the East of England Review, as set out in paragraphs 11 - 25 of the submitted report, specifically:-</p> <p>(a) that the Council will only support a continuation of current Regional Plan growth rates with the provision of supporting infrastructure and a recognition of the policy split between the growth areas and other parts of Central Bedfordshire;</p> <p>(b) that the Council expresses its opposition to the siting of any regional scale settlement within Central Bedfordshire;</p> <p>(c) that a Green Belt be designated to the South-East of Milton Keynes to protect nearby villages from coalescence with Milton Keynes.</p> <p>2. That a joint response regarding the future of the Bedford/Marston Vale Growth Area be submitted with Bedford Borough Council.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>

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	<p>3. That the detailed responses to the consultation questions, as set out in Appendix A of the submitted report, be forwarded to EERA.</p> <p>4. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development, to submit any further supporting evidence to EERA.</p>		
<p>LDF (NORTH): CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Plan email: richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED:</p> <p><i>That the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document, as set out in the submitted report, be approved.</i></p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p>THE PLANNING OBLIGATIONS STRATEGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE NORTH. (Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Plan email: richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105)</p>	<p>1. Where the results of the public consultation on the updates to the Planning Obligations Strategy are not currently relevant the comments be retained and used as part of the full review to be carried in the new year.</p> <p>2. That subject to the Council's adoption of the Core Strategy and Development Management Development Plan Document on 19 November 2009, the Planning Obligations Strategy Supplementary Planning Document for Central Bedfordshire North be approved.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>

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<p>LDF (NORTH): SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Plan email: richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4105)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED:</p> <p><i>That, subject to the removal of Wrestlingworth (Site Ref H009), the sites, attached at Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be approved as the basis of the draft submission version of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document.</i></p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p>WINGFIELD COURT - AMPHILL (Contact Officer: Graham Blair, Acting Home Environment Team Manager email: graham.blair@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611442)</p>	<p>That approval be given to funding of up to £175k, from the approved Affordable housing capital budget, to Aragon Housing Association to fund the conversion of Wingfield Court, Ampthill to Extra Care type housing.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p>SAFEGUARDING OF VULNERABLE ADULTS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008/09 (Contact Officer: Ed Thompson, Assistant Director, Adult Social Care email: ed.thompson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01582 818060)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults Annual Report for 2008/09, as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report, be noted. 2. That the priorities and improvement plan that have been put in place, as set out on pages 14-16 of the submitted report, be agreed. 3. That elected member commitment to safeguarding including attendance at the safeguarding training programme be endorsed. 	<p>Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation</p>	<p>Director of Social Care, Health & Housing</p>

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<p>THE CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE RESPONSE TO THE GREEN PAPER "SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CARE TOGETHER" <i>(Contact Officer: Patricia Coker, Head of Partnerships email: patricia.coker@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5521)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Central Bedfordshire welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the public debate on the future funding of care and support and would endorse the need for more detailed and financially illustrated options to demonstrate fairness, simplicity and affordability for local people. 2. That the response to the Government on the Green Paper of local people involved in consultations held in Central Bedfordshire be supported. 3. That Central Bedfordshire would strongly recommend further debate about the roles of local and central government in delivering the requirements of the Green Paper before a White Paper is published. 	<p>Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation</p>	<p>Director of Social Care, Health and Housing</p>
<p>CORPORATE COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGY <i>(Contact Officer: Robert Gregan, Head of Procurement email: robert.gregan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276570)</i></p>	<p>As part of its deliberations the Executive also considered the comments and recommendations from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 2 November. The recommendations were accepted in their entirety except the third bullet point. The Executive agreed that monitoring implementation of the Strategy should be incorporated as part of the overall quarterly performance report to the Committee, not the CBMT management report.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy, attached to the submitted report, be approved. 	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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	<p>2. That the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources, in liaison with the Director of Corporate Resources, be authorised to review the Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy annually.</p> <p>3. That the recommendations of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting held on 2 November, as set out at Appendix B in the Chairman's Briefing Note, be accepted except the third bullet point being amended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that monitoring implementation of the Strategy be incorporated as part of the overall quarterly performance report to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. 		
<p>BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT <i>(Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</i></p>	<p>1. That the report setting out the latest budget projections for the year and also that further work is ongoing to establish the likely outturn for 2009/10 be noted.</p> <p>2. That the virements, as set out in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the submitted report, be approved.</p> <p>3. That the additional action plans savings of £0.025m, as detailed in the submitted report, be approved.</p> <p>4. That Directors be instructed to identify further actions to address the forecast overspend.</p>	Portfolio for Corporate Resources	Director of Corporate Resources

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<p>REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2010/11 (Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</p>	<p>That the Fees and Charges schedule for 2010/11, outlined in Annex 2 of the report circulated with the Chairman's Briefing Note and page numbered 87 – 134, be approved subject to the Fees and Charges Policy being approved by Council on 19 November 2009.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>
<p>REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Revised General Fund Capital Programme for 2009/10, attached as Appendices B1 to B5 to the submitted report together with a tabled revised Appendix B2, be approved. 2. That the Revised Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2009/10, attached at Appendix E to the submitted report, be approved. 3. That the total net capital spend, limited to £17.5M, be split equally between borrowings and the use of capital receipts. <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That progression of the following projects for which Business Cases and/or Project Initiation Documents, attached as Appendices F1 to F3 to the submitted report, be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Biggleswade Town Centre Masterplan -Integrated Environmental Improvement Project -Performance Management System 	<p>Portfolio for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Resources</p>

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<p>CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE LAMING REPORT <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>	<p>That progress to date in responding to Lord Laming's recommendations, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted and the Central Bedfordshire Action Plan endorsed.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children, Families and Learning</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning</p>
<p>ROECROFT LOWER SCHOOL - APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PROJECT <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 the project to replace Roecroft Lower School as a 300 place Lower School on a new site in Stotfold at an estimated cost of £5.8m.</p> <p>(2) That a modification to the original implementation date from 1 September 2010 to 1 September 2011 be approved.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children, Families and Learning</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning</p>
<p>COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS SERVICE 2009/10 CAPITAL PROGRAMME <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 the Project Initiation Documents for the Countryside Access Service's Capital Programme for 2009/10 (as part of the revised 2009/10 Capital Programme being submitted to Council on 19 November for approval), namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A – Rights of Way and Countryside and Heritage Sites – structural improvements to bridges, surfacing and structures (£475k) 	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix B – Outdoor Access and Greenspace improvement projects (£224k) • Appendix C – Heritage Lottery Fund – the Swiss Garden (£50k). 		

Date Issued:	12 November 2009	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.			