

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE
Tuesday, 7 December 2010

DECISIONS DIGEST

THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON **THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2010**. SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER **FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER 2010**.

DATE
ISSUED/PUBLISHED
9 DECEMBER 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO./SUBJECT	DECISION	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	ACTIONING OFFICER
QUARTER 2 BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT 2010 <i>(Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director, Financial Services/Chief Finance Officer email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the improved forecast outturn position of £3.251M over budget which is a reduction of £2.685M when compared to the Quarter 1 report be noted.2. That the £1.390M compensatory efficiencies, as set out in the submitted report, be noted.3. That the use of £0.525M of contingency, as detailed in paragraph 2.33 of the submitted report, be approved.4. That approval be given to the use of contingency to fund estimated Appendix E costs, as detailed in paragraph 2.35 of the submitted report.	Portfolio for Finance, Governance and People	Director of Customer and Shared Services

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	<p>5. Note that management action is being taken to curb discretionary spend in the remainder of the 2010/11 financial year, to avoid the overspend that is otherwise projected to occur.</p>		
<p>CORPORATE BUDGET STRATEGY UPDATE <i>(Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director, Financial Services/Chief Finance Officer email: matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</i></p>	<p>1. That the Executive acknowledge the additional challenges facing the Council in view of the Government's Spending Review announcement and the expected reduction in funding for local authorities, including its profiling.</p> <p>2. That the Overview & Scrutiny Committees and other stakeholders be invited to comment on the supplementary saving proposals set out in Appendix A of the submitted report.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Finance, Governance and People</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p>LOCAL BUS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT INTERIM SUPPORT STRATEGY <i>(Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways & Transport email: basil.jackson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6171)</i></p>	<p>1. That the results of the consultation with the public, concessionary pass holders and with bus and dial-a-ride service users in respect of the Council's support for local bus and community transport service provision, as set out in the submitted report, be noted.</p> <p>2. (a) that the time before which national concessionary pass holders may board a local bus service and travel without payment be restricted to the statutory 09.30 start time on Mondays to Fridays; and that delegated authority be given to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Healthier Lifestyles, to authorise exceptions. This will generate annual savings of £65,000.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Safer Communities & Healthier Lifestyles</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>

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	<p>(b) that disabled pass holders be exempt from the 09.30 restriction. This exemption will cost in the order of £5,000.</p> <p>3. That concessionary pass holders be asked to pay a fare of £1.50 for each individual trip they make on dial-a-ride services. This will generate an annual saving of £80,000.</p> <p>4. (a) that the Council withdraw support from the contracted bus services listed in Appendix D of the submitted report, subject to the period of notice specified in the conditions of contract. This will generate an annual saving of £400,000.</p> <p>(b) that the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Healthier Lifestyles, be given delegated authority to apply the principles and evaluation criteria, as set out in paragraph 9 of the submitted report, to future decisions in respect of assessing the suitability of local bus services for public funding.</p> <p>5. That further work be undertaken to stimulate and support the community transport sector in Central Bedfordshire in order to reduce social isolation and to provide mobility options for people unable to use local bus services. This will require an annual investment of £100,000.</p>		

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	<p>6. That the business case for introducing a taxi-based “safety-net” service for rural communities be assessed.</p> <p>7. That grant funding for the three dial-a-ride operators, as set out in the submitted report, be maintained at its current level.</p>		
<p>VEHICLE SPEED MANAGEMENT IN COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE <i>(Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways & Transport email: basil.jackson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6171)</i></p>	<p>1. That the Executive approve the revised approach to vehicle speed management, as set out in the submitted report, whilst also agreeing that application of the new approach will be constrained by existing budgets and the particular circumstances of each case.</p> <p>2. That Town or Parish Councils, or others proposing schemes under the new approach, be encouraged to bring forward funding for them.</p>	Portfolio for Safer Communities & Healthier Lifestyles	Director of Sustainable Communities
<p>CREASEY PARK COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CENTRE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS <i>(Contact Officer: Jill Dickinson, Head of Leisure Services Email: jill.dickinson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. Tel 0300 300 4258)</i></p>	<p>1. That the Executive endorses the partnership approach of the Football Development Plan Bid and agrees that Dunstable Town Council be appointed as the managing operator of the Creasey Park Football Development Centre, Dunstable, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of final negotiations.</p> <p>2. That the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Healthier Lifestyles, be authorised to conclude negotiations with the Town Council.</p>	Portfolio for Safer Communities & Healthier Lifestyles	Director of Sustainable Communities

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<p>GROWTH AREA FUNDING PROGRAMME AND A5/ M1 LINK <i>(Contact Officer: Jon Cliff, Head of Growth Programme</i> <i>Email:</i> <i>jon.cliff@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</i> <i>Tel: 0300 300 8644)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That £5 million of GAF money be made available to the Highways Agency to develop the A5-M1 link scheme, as set out in the submitted report and that the work being carried out by Central Bedfordshire Council in facilitating the delivery of a local contribution towards the A5-M1 link be endorsed. 2. That the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development, be authorised to finalise the agreements with the Highways Agency and the Department for Transport referred to in resolution (1) above. 	<p>Portfolio for Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>
<p>FUTURE PROVISION OF BEDFORDSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE <i>(Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning</i> <i>email:</i> <i>sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</i> <i>Tel: 0300 300 5598)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That having consider the options set out in the report submitted, option 4 be confirmed, i.e. that the Council moves forward with the disaggregation of the Music Service from Bedford Borough Council on 31 August 2011. 2. That the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, takes forward detailed work on the re-design of the service to meet required efficiencies for the service whilst ensuring that an appropriate offer is in place that meets local needs for music education in Central Bedfordshire. 	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children's Services</p>	<p>Director of Children's Services</p>

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<p>REVIEW OF CENTRALLY COMMISSIONED AND MANAGED SCHOOL MEALS CONTRACT <i>(Contact Officer: Ian Brown, Interim AD Assets email: ian.brown@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5711)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That schools be consulted at the earliest opportunity on future options for delivery of the school meals service. 2. That a further report on options for the service be brought back to a future meeting of the Executive once consultation feedback is received from schools. 3. That following the outcome of the consultation with schools, the Director of Customer and Shared Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Customers, Systems & Assets, be authorised to agree to a negotiated extension for the schools meals' services with Eden Food Services until the end of the schools' summer term on 22 July 2011. 	<p>Portfolio Holder for Customers, Systems and Assets</p>	<p>Director of Customer and Shared Services</p>
<p>ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE 2009/10 <i>(Contact Officer: Ed Thompson, Assistant Director, Adult Social Care email: ed.thompson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01582 818060)</i></p>	<p>That the Annual Performance Report for Adult Social Care 2009/10 be noted.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health</p>	<p>Director of Social Care, Health and Housing</p>
<p>QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT <i>(Contact Officer: Peter Fraser, Head of Partnerships & Performance. email: peter.fraser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6740)</i></p>	<p>That the Quarter 2 Performance Report setting out the Council's overall performance position be noted.</p>	<p>Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Performance</p>	<p>Director of Customer and Shared Services</p>

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<p>RESPONSE FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TO THE SAVINGS PROPOSALS CONTAINED WITHIN THE CORPORATE BUDGET STRATEGY <i>(Contact Officer: Bernard Carter, Overview and Scrutiny Manager, Email: Bernard.carter@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel 0300 300 4175)</i></p>	<p>That the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees be noted and taken into consideration as part of the 2011/12 draft budget process.</p>	<p>Portfolio for Finance, Governance and People</p>	<p>Director of Customer and Shared Services</p>
<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS GROWTH RESERVE TO SUPPORT TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION <i>(Contact Officer: Liz Wade, Assistant Director Economic Growth and Regeneration email: liz.wade@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6288)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Central Bedfordshire Council, in partnership with Development Securities PLC, seek to secure the acquisition of the Quadrant shopping centre to deliver the regeneration of Dunstable Town Centre. 2. That officers continue to negotiate terms for the partial acquisition of the Quadrant shopping centre in partnership with Development Securities PLC. 3. That the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Skills and Regeneration, be given delegated authority to approve the final terms of the agreement for the partial acquisition of the Quadrant shopping centre in Spring 2011, prior to completion. <p>It was also RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL <i>That £1.5 million of capital be used to support the acquisition of the Quadrant shopping centre to deliver the regeneration of Dunstable Town Centre and that £1.5 million from the £1.791 million earmarked reserve be transferred into the Redundancy Reserve; with £291k of the remaining earmarked reserve retained to cover the further costs of the delivery of the Dunstable Town Centre Masterplan.</i></p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Skills & Regeneration</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Communities</p>

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