CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE Tuesday, 14 February 2012

DECISIONS DIGEST

DATE ISSUED/PUBLISHED 16 FEBRUARY 2012

THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2012. SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2012.

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| FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS (Contact Officer: Sandra Hobbs, Committee Services Officer Email: <u>sandra.hobbs@centralbedfordshire</u> <u>.gov.uk</u> Tel: 0300 300 5257) | That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 February 2012 to 31 January 2013 be noted. | Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources | Monitoring Officer |

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| BUDGET 2012/13 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2012 TO 2016 (Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer Email: | RECOMMENDED to Council 1. That the response from the consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as set out in paragraph 35 in the report and the response to consultation with the public and stakeholders as set out in Appendix A to the report be noted. | Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources | Chief Finance Officer |
| <u>charles.warboys@centralbedfordsh</u> <u>ire.gov.uk</u> Tel: 0300 300 6147) | 2. That the Revenue Budget for 2012/13 and the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2012/13 to 2015/16 be approved. | | |
| | 3. That the following adjustments to the draft Budget be noted:- | | |
| | additional pressures of £1.5 million in 2012-13; | | |
| | additional efficiencies of £0.77 million in 2012-13; and | | |
| | reduction in estimated 2012-13 inflation provision of £1 million. | | |
| | 4. That the Council Tax Base as set out in Appendix G to the report be noted. | | |
| | 5. That a Band D Council Tax be approved of: | | |
| | £1,308.33 for residents in the North of Central Bedfordshire | | |
| | £1,326.24 for residents in the South of Central Bedfordshire. | | |
| | 6. That the fees and charges set out in Appendix J to the report be approved. | | |
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| | 7. That the budget is predicated on an assumption that non statutory Human Resources, payroll and bursary services to schools will generally cease from September 2012, with full costs recovery where schools have been unable to make alternative provision by that date. | | |
| | 8. That certain efficiency proposals identified in Appendix I to the report be subject to formal consultation and Equality Impact Assessment and instructs the Corporate Management Team, in consultation with the relevant Executive Members and the Chief Finance Officer as appropriate, to propose alternative compensatory savings where it appears, following a review of the outcome of the consultation and Equality Impact Assessment, that any specific proposal cannot be delivered. | | |
| CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 TO 2015/16 (Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordsh ire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147) | RECOMMENDED to Council 1. That the 2012/13 to 2015/16 Capital Programme as set out in Appendix B to the report be approved. 2. That the additional SAP optimisation item cost of £1 million since the Programme was submitted to the Executive in December 2011 be approved. 3. That the 2012/13 to 2015/16 Capital Programme – Housing Revenue Account as set out in Appendix C to the report be approved. | Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources | Chief Finance Officer |

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| BUDGET REPORT FOR THE LANDLORD SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN 2012/13 UNDER THE NEW SELF FINANCING REGIME (Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer and/or Tony Keaveney, Assistant Director Housing Services Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordsh ire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147 and/or tony.keaveney@centralbedfordshir e.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5213) | RECOMMENDED to Council That the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) will borrow £165.7 million as a result of legislation to implement the self-financing regime. That delegated authority be given to the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer, to agree the final debt structure, in conjunction with the Council's Treasury Management advisers. A reserve is initially earmarked for the re-provision and re-modelling of sheltered housing and for the development of the Asset Management Strategy, within the Landlord Service Business Plan model. That the Landlord Service Business Plan summary at Appendix A to the report be approved. This includes the Landlord Service efficiency programme, being developed as part of the HRA Value for Money Strategy. That the feedback that has arisen from tenant engagement as set out in paragraphs 39-41 in the report be noted. That in line with the government's policy on Rent Convergence approve the average rent increase of 7.94% for 2012/13. | Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources, Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing | Director of Social Care, Health and Housing |

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| FUTURE OF CRESCENT COURT SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME, TODDINGTON (Contact Officer: Sue Marsh, Housing Services Manager Email: sue.marsh@centralbedfordshire.go <u>v.uk</u> Tel: 0300 300 5662) | 1. | That the outcome of the consultation on the future options for Crescent Court Sheltered Housing Scheme and the comments and recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted. | Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing | Director of Social Care, Health and Housing |
| | 2. | That officers continue to explore the feasibility and viability of Option Three (development of an Extra Care Scheme on a site in Toddington) being progressed as a mixed tenure scheme through a Neighbourhood Plan for Toddington. | | |
| | 3. | That officers explore the feasibility and viability of aligning Option Two (development of an Extra Care Scheme on the existing site) and the Residents Option. The remit is the phased development of a mixed tenure Extra Care Scheme with provision for people with dementia whilst retaining the existing building. The existing flats would be refurbished over time as the opportunity arose. | | |
| | 4. | That residents be invited to participate in the design aspect of any new development, in particular to avoid any new development being institutional in character. | | |
| | 5. | To request officers to report back to the Executive by September 2012 with the results of the feasibility studies and a recommended way forward in relation to the development and the funding arrangements. | | |
| | 6. | That work commencing at Crescent Court to address the health and safety issues and replace the heating system be approved. | | |
| | 7. | That all existing Crescent Court residents be offered a tenancy in any new development for older people in Toddington. | | |

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| HOUGHTON REGIS LEISURE CENTRE - TENDER FOR LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FROM 1 APRIL 2012 (Contact Officer: Jill Dickinson, Head of Leisure Services Email: jill.dickinson@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4258) | That the contract to Contractor A be awarded, as set out in exempt Appendix A, to manage Houghton Regis Leisure Centre from 1 April 2012.* *(Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972). This decision has been marked as urgent and therefore not subject to call-in. | Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services | Director of Sustainable Communities |
| SITE ALLOCATIONS POLICY HA4 - DEVELOPMENT BRIEF FOR LAND WEST OF ABBEY LANE, AMPTHILL (Contact Officer: Trevor Saunders, Assistant Director, Planning Email: <u>trevor.saunders@centralbedfordshi</u> <u>re.gov.uk</u> Tel: 0300 300 4470) | That the Development Brief be adopted as technical guidance for Development Management purposes subject to the inclusion of paragraph 5.8 relating to superfast broadband within the Warren Farm Development Brief as follows: '5.8 High Speed Broadband – To put in place the necessary on-site infrastructure to ensure future connectivity to superfast services.' | Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development | Director of Sustainable Communities |
| CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE LOCAL BROADBAND PLAN (Contact Officer: James Cushing, Economic Policy Manager Email: james.cushing@centralbedfordshir e.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4984) | That the Central Bedfordshire Local Broadband Plan be approved. To delegate to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and the Executive Member for Corporate Resources, to approve a Joint Broadband Plan with Milton Keynes and Bedford Borough Council or any other partnership arrangements as necessary, for submission to Broadband Delivery UK for approval, subsequent procurement and to make minor consequential amendments to the Central | Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Resources | Director of Sustainable Communities |

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| | | Bedfordshire Local Broadband Plan. | | |
| CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Contact Officer: Ian Brown, Interim Chief Assets Officer Email: ian.brown@centralbedfordshire.go <u>v.uk</u> Tel: 0300 300 5711) | 1. | That the Council's Corporate Asset Management Strategy 2012-16, set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved. | Executive Member for Corporate | Chief Executive |
| | 2. | That regular progress reports on the Strategy be submitted as part of quarterly performance monitoring. | Resources | |
| | 3. | To receive an annual update and revision of the Strategy. | | |
| | 4. | To delegate authority to the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Chief Executive, agreement of the detailed work plan relating to the Strategy, following work to align the detailed operating model and restructure of the Assets Division to the Strategy. | | |

| Date Issued: | 16 February 2012 | То: | All Members of the Council and the Corporate Management Team |
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| | NOTE: Recommendations of the Executive to the Council (shown in bold and italics) are NOT subject to call-in. | | |