

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE
Tuesday, 19 August 2014

DECISIONS DIGEST

THE CALL-IN DEADLINE FOR ANY ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DIGEST IS 5.00 P.M. ON **THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2014**. SUBJECT TO ANY CALL-IN REQUESTS BEING RECEIVED, ALL THE DECISIONS WILL BE ACTIONED ON OR AFTER **FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2014**.

DATE
ISSUED/PUBLISHED
21 August 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO./SUBJECT	DECISION	EXECUTIVE MEMBER	ACTIONING OFFICER
<p>FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS (Contact Officer: Sandra Hobbs, Committee Services Officer Email: sandra.hobbs@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5257)</p>	<p>That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 be noted.</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Monitoring Officer</p>

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<p>DETERMINATION OF STATUTORY PROPOSALS TO CLOSE BREWERS HILL COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL, STREETFIELD COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ASHTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND (C OF E) VOLUNTARY AIDED (VA) MIDDLE SCHOOL <i>(Contact Officer: Helen Redding, Assistant Director School Improvement</i> <i>Email: helen.redding@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</i> <i>Tel: 0300 300 6057)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the responses to the statutory notice for the closure of Brewers Hill Community Middle School, including the school's business case for an alternative proposal be noted. 2. (a) That the statutory proposal to close Brewers Hill Community Middle School with a modified implementation date of phased closure from September 2016 with final closure in August 2017, for the reasons set out in paragraphs 69 – 95 in the report, be approved. (b) That Executive approval will be sought to modify the implementation date should Beecroft Academy be able to accommodate Year 5 children in September 2015 be noted. 3. That the responses to statutory notice for the closure of Streetfield Community Middle School, including the school's business case for an alternative proposal be noted. 4. That the statutory proposal to close Streetfield Community Middle School implemented with a phased closure from September 2015 with final closure in August 2016, for the reasons set out in paragraphs 99 – 120 in the report, be approved. 5. That the responses to the statutory notice for the closure of Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School, including the school's business case for an alternative proposal be noted. 6. That the statutory proposal to close Ashton Church of England Voluntary Aided Middle School implemented with a phased closure from September 2015 with final closure in August 2016, for the reasons set out in paragraphs 124 – 142 in the report, be approved. 	<p>Executive Member for Children's Services</p>	<p>Director of Children's Services</p>

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	<p>This item had been marked urgent and was exempt from call-in as this would prevent the Council from reaching a decisions on the recommendations set out above and delay the publication of the composite prospectus for parents and carers applying for a school place for September 2015, which needs to be published in time for the admission rounds opening on 1 September 2014. Any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's and the public's interests.</p>		
<p>COMMISSIONING OF NEW SCHOOL PLACES FOR IMPLEMENTATION FROM SEPTEMBER 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 2016 IN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE <i>(Contact Officer: Karen Oellermann, Acting Assistant Director - Commissioning & Partnerships</i> <i>Email: karen.oellermann@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</i> <i>Tel: 0300 300 5265)</i></p>	<p>1. (i) That the procedures established by The Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA 2006) and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013, have been complied with in bringing forward the proposals to expand Edward Peake Church of England (C of E) Voluntary Controlled (VC) Middle School, Biggleswade and Silsoe C of E VC Lower School as outlined in the report be confirmed.</p> <p>(ii) That receipt of a representation in respect of the proposal to expand Silsoe C of E VC Lower School and the statutory notice as set out in Appendix A to the report, issued on the 2 June 2014 under Section 19(1), of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 be confirmed. No representations were received in respect of the proposal to expand Edward Peake C of E VC Middle School and the statutory notice as set out in Appendix B to the report, issued on the 2 June 2014 under Section 19(1), of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.</p>	<p>Executive Member for Children's Services</p>	<p>Director of Children's Services</p>

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	<p>(iii) That the statutory proposal to expand Edward Peake C of E VC Middle School, Biggleswade from its current capacity of 480 places to provide a total of 600 places with an implementation date of September 2016 be approved, thereby approving the commencement of the project and related expenditure, subject to the grant of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by 1 September 2015.</p> <p>(iv) That the statutory proposal to expand Silsoe C of E VC Lower, Silsoe from its current capacity of 135 places to provide a total of 225 places, an 8 place SEN provision for children with behavioural Emotional and Social Difficulties and a 45 place pre school with an implementation date of 1 September 2016 be approved, thereby approving the commencement of the project and related expenditure, subject to the grant of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by 1 September 2015.</p> <p>2. That the proposal to expand the Academy of Stratton Upper School in Biggleswade from its current capacity of 1250 places to provide 1650 places with a phased implementation date of 1 September 2016 be approved, thereby approving the commencement of the project and related expenditure, subject to the approval of the Education Funding Agency and the grant of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by 1 September 2015.</p>		

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	<p>3. That the commencement of consultation and the publication of statutory notices for the proposal to permanently expand Roecroft Lower School, Stotfold from its current capacity of 300 places to provide a total of 450 places with an implementation date of September 2015 be approved. The school will also be invited to prepare a business case which will be subject to approval by the Council's Executive in its final determination of the proposal in December 2014.</p> <p>4. That the capital expenditure from the Council's New School Places Programme, as indicated in Appendix D to the report, to relocate Pippin Pre School within the boundary of Roecroft Lower School, Stotfold to enable existing and future pressures on Roecroft Lower School's accommodation to be managed be approved.</p>		
<p>BUDGET STRATEGY AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</p>	<p>1. That the risks and uncertainty including those arising from the 2015 General Election and the likelihood of further austerity measures in the years following be recognised.</p> <p>2. That the proposed framework for the updating of the Medium Term Financial Plan and the preparation of a Budget for 2015/16 be endorsed.</p> <p>3. That the timetable for the consultation process be endorsed.</p>	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources	Chief Finance Officer
<p>SUPERFAST BROADBAND EXTENSION PROGRAMME (Contact Officer: James Cushing, Head of Investment Email: james.cushing@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4984)</p>	<p><i>RECOMMENDED to Council that an additional £350,000 capital funding to secure additional external funding, and to extend coverage of superfast broadband infrastructure be approved.</i></p>	Executive Member for Regeneration	Director of Regeneration and Business

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<p>POLICY TO DISCHARGE THE COUNCIL'S HOMELESSNESS DUTY TO A SUITABLE PROPERTY (Contact Officer: Nick Costin, Head of Housing Solutions Email: nick.costin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5219)</p>	<p>That the Policy to Discharge the Council's Homelessness Duty to a Suitable Property, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be adopted.</p>	<p>Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing</p>	<p>Director of Social Care, Health and Housing</p>
<p>FUTURE RESIDUAL WASTE DISPOSAL (Contact Officer: Tracey Harris, Head of Waste Services Email: tracey.harris2@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4646)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed approach to securing the residual waste disposal services as set out within the report and conditional on points 1 to 4 as set out in Appendix B be approved. 2. to delegate authority to the Community Services Director, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, to enter in to a contract for residual waste treatment and disposal services. 	<p>Executive Member for Community Services</p>	<p>Community Services Director</p>
<p>JUNE 2014 - QUARTER 1 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT (Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer Email: charles.wayboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Revenue forecast position which is currently to overspend budget by £0.7m be noted. 2. To request officers to continue with their efforts to achieve a minimum balanced outturn or an underspend. 	<p>Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources</p>	<p>Chief Finance Officer</p>

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<p>JUNE 2014 - QUARTER 1 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT (Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer Email: charles.wayboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the overall forecast position which is to spend £111.7m compared to a budget of £116.8m be approved. 2. To request officers to carefully examine their forecast spend to determine how realistic the proposals to defer spend into 2015/16 are. 	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources	Chief Finance Officer
<p>JUNE 2014/15 (Q1) HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET MONITORING REVENUE AND CAPITAL REPORT (Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer Email: charles.wayboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Revenue forecast position to achieve a balanced budget with a contribution to Housing Revenue Account reserves of £6.684m, this strengthening the Council's ability to invest and improve its stock of Council houses be noted. 2. That the Capital forecast position indicates an outturn on budget (£17.942m) which includes deferred works from 2013/14 relating to Priory View of £2.325m be noted. 3. That Right to Buy sales will be monitored for the possible impact on predicted surpluses in the medium to longer term. 	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources	Chief Finance Officer

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<p>REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE AUTHORISATION TO CONTRACT OUT HOMELESSNESS FUNCTIONS TO THIRD PARTIES <i>(Contact Officer: Tony Keaveney, Assistant Director of Housing Services</i> <i>Email:</i> tony.keaveney@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk <i>Tel: 0300 300 5210)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the authorisation of the delegation and/or contracting out of homelessness reviews as part of the Council's functions under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 to the Director for Social Care, Health and Housing to contract out to Independent Reviews Limited as set out in the Contract dated 27 January 2014 ("Contract") pursuant to sections 69 and 70 Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, and all other necessary powers be ratified. This delegation is to the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing for a maximum period of 10 years starting from 1 January 2013. 2. To authorise the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing to enter into the Contract as forming part of the Council's responsibilities for homeless people which includes reviewing decisions in relation to applications for homeless accommodation and/or assistance. 3. That these authorisations are to have effect retrospectively, in particular in relation to the exercise of homelessness reviews (as Part VII functions) by Independent Reviews Limited, to date and for the remainder of the 10 year period from 1 January 2013 in the event that the arrangements are extended for such duration be ratified. 4. In the alternative to (3) above, the matters in (1) – (2) for what remains of the period be ratified/authorised, from 19 August 2014. 	<p>Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing</p>	<p>Director of Social Care, Health and Housing</p>

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	<p>5. To authorise the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing to enter into contracts for the delegation/contracting out of the Council's functions under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 with a third party pursuant to sections 69 and 70 Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, and all other necessary powers. This delegation is to the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing for a maximum period of 10 years starting from 1 January 2013 or in the alternative from 19 August 2014.</p>		
<p>URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS - GYPSY AND TRAVELLER PLAN (Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Planning and Housing Strategy Email: richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4105)</p>	<p><i>RECOMMENDED to Council the withdrawal of the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan from the Examination process.</i></p>	<p>Executive Member for Regeneration</p>	<p>Director of Regeneration and Business</p>

Date Issued:	21 August 2014	To:	All Members of the Council and the Corporate Management Team
<p>NOTE: Recommendations of the Executive to the Council (shown in bold and italics) are NOT subject to call-in.</p>			

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