

COUNCIL MEETING – 16 SEPTEMBER 2010

Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 13 July 2010

Minute No
E/10/40

Executive Arrangements under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

The Leader introduced the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and People's report setting out the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 covering the Council's executive arrangements and the proposed response to those requirements.

(NOTE: A copy of the report had been circulated with the Executive agenda to all Councillors.)

The Executive noted that the majority of the requirements of the "new style" leader and cabinet executive were already in place and had been subject to wide consultation both with the public and key stakeholders as part of the case for unitary government in Central Bedfordshire. In view of this it was considered that it would be inappropriate and disproportionate to undertake a further round of extensive consultation on the Council's executive arrangements.

Members noted that should the authority decide to retain the leader and cabinet model, there would still be a statutory requirement to pass a formal Council resolution before 31 December 2010 to adopt the new style of leader and cabinet arrangements which would then come into effect 3 days after the local elections in May 2011. It was noted that the Constitution would also need to be amended to reflect the extension of the Leader's term of office to four years.

Reason for decision: To comply with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to pass a resolution by 31 December 2010 to adopt the new style leader and cabinet executive arrangements.

RESOLVED

the Executive notes:-

- (a) the requirement for the full Council to pass a resolution by 31 December 2010 to adopt either a "new style" leader and cabinet executive or elected mayor and cabinet arrangements;**
- (b) that the Central Bedfordshire bid submission, which was subject to extensive public consultation, was based on the adoption of the "new style" leader and cabinet arrangements; and**

- (c) that the Constitution already contains all the required statutory provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relating to the “new style” leader and cabinet executive arrangements, save for the provision relating to the extension of the term of office of the Leader, as set out in paragraph 7 of the submitted report refers.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

that Council be recommended to resolve at its meeting on 16 September 2010, that it is minded, subject to consideration of views received, to pass a resolution at its meeting on 25 November 2010, to adopt the “new style” leader and cabinet executive arrangements for implementation on the third day after the elections in May 2011.

[Please note that a copy of the original report can be found on the Central Bedfordshire Council web site at the following link:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=15718>