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SHADOW EXECUTIVE – 25 NOVEMBER 2008

PROPOSED CONSIDERATION OF URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Chairman of the Shadow Executive has agreed to the consideration of the following urgent item of business at the meeting to be held on **Tuesday 25 November 2008**: -

DISAGGREGATION OF BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPERTY ASSETS

(To provide an update on the negotiations with Bedford Borough Council)

(Report of the Director of Corporate Resources)(Contact Officer: Peter Burt Tel: (0845 8496281)

This matter is urgent for the reason that, due to the failure, to date, to agree with Bedford Borough Council the disaggregation of all of the property assets of Bedfordshire County Council, the authority of the Shadow Executive is needed to request DCLG to appoint an independent arbitrator to disaggregate the property assets as they consider appropriate. In order that the request can be made to DCLG urgently, this item will not admit of delay until the next meeting of the Shadow Executive. Although this issue has been included in the Forward Plan in respect of the meeting of the Shadow Executive to be held on 16 December, for the reasons set out above, it is necessary to advance consideration of this matter to this meeting. The item is not therefore shown on the Forward Plan in respect of this meeting but the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee has been consulted under the provisions of Rule No. 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and is content that the item is urgent cannot reasonably be deferred.

Given the urgency associated with this decision as indicated above, this item is exempt from the formal call-in procedure under the provision of Rule No. 16 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

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Interim Monitoring Officer

To: The Chairman of the Shadow Scrutiny Committee

cc: The Chairman of the Shadow Council
All members of the Shadow Scrutiny Committee
All other Members of the Shadow Council – for information
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