

Agenda Item: 14

Meeting: Executive

Date: 23 June 2009

Subject: Decisions Taken by Directors on Grounds of Urgency

Report of: Leader of the Council

Summary: This report details a decision taken by the Director of Business Transformation on grounds of urgency following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation.

Advising Officer: Clive Heaphy, Director of Corporate Resources

Contact Officer: Rob Mills, Committee Services Manager

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Executive

Key Decision No

Reason for urgency/ exemption from call-in The reason for urgency is detailed below. Call-in provisions do not apply to non-key decisions taken by Directors.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Executive is asked to note the contents of this report.

Reason for Recommendations: The procedure for reporting decisions (including urgent decisions) taken by Directors following consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder is set out in the Council's Constitution (H3 Scheme of Delegation to Directors, paragraph 3.5 and Appendix A). The Code of Practice for taking such decisions requires details of the decisions taken by Directors to be reported to the appropriate Committee.

1. This report brings to the Executive for noting a decision taken by the Director of Business Transformation on urgency grounds following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation:-

Decision	Reason for Decision	Reason for Urgency	Result of Consultation
To increase fees by 5% for the Registration and Coroner Service in 2009/10	The Registration and Coroner Service is a shared Service with Bedford Borough Council. Bedford Borough Council raised their charges by 5% whereas Central Bedfordshire Council raised its fees by 3%. It is not practical to run a shared service with shared systems with two different charge rates.	The service is live from 1 April and customers need to know the costs of the service.	Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation agreed that Central Bedfordshire increase its fees for this service by 5%.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

This report details an urgency decision taken by a Director as required by the Council's Constitution.

Financial:

This will increase income this year but will not have any significant impact on the budget.

Legal:

None.

Risk Management:

None.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None.

Community Safety:

None.

Sustainability:

None.

Appendices:

None.

Background Papers (open to public inspection):
Decision form.

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands