

**EXECUTIVE – 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2005 AT 6.00 P.M.**  
**THEME: REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Franks (Chair); Councillors R. Davies, Howes, Patterson, Pedersen, Rutstein and Strange.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J. Davies and Q. Hussain.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors R.J. Davis and Wates.

**DECISIONS SHEET**

*Exemptions from the call-in process:*

- (1) If the Council would be likely to suffer legal prejudice*
- (2) If the Council would be likely to suffer financial prejudice*
- (3) Where the calling-in of the decision would result in the decision not being capable of implementation at all*
- (4) Where the decision is to incur or forego expenditure of £5,000 or less except where the decision has been taken otherwise that in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework or any policies, practices, or procedures adopted by the Executive*
- (5) Where the decision results from a reference or report or recommendation from a Scrutiny Committee or the Scrutiny Board*
- (6) Where the decision will be the subject of a recommendation to the Full Council*

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	Krishan Sharma, Airport Client Manager	EX/109/05	Following the tragic news of the sudden death of Krishan Sharma, on behalf of all Members of the Council, the Executive expressed sympathy to his family at a very difficult time and paid tribute to him for his hard work and the contribution he had made to the operation of London Luton Airport Limited.	

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2.1	Published decisions of the Executive held on 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2005.	EX/110/05	That the published decisions of the meeting of the Executive held on 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2005 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting.  Reason: Administrative	
7.1 All	Forward Plan	EX/111/05	That the contents of the Forward Plan of key decisions of the Executive for the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April to 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2005 be noted.  Reason: Administrative	To comment on the content of the Forward Plan.
8.1 All	Reference from SJNCC – Luton Incentive Allowance	EX/112/05	That a policy be approved which:  (a) extends the payment of a Luton Incentive Allowance to vacant leadership posts in challenging schools, as Phase 2 of the introduction of a Luton Incentive Allowance for all teachers.  (b) encourages governing bodies to use their delegated powers to pay Recruitment and Retention	

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			<p>Incentives to other hard to fill posts in their school, particularly the retention of current leadership members in challenging schools, and to set leadership ranges at an appropriate level, which reflects the nature of the school, local circumstances and appropriate salary differentials.</p> <p>(c) authorises the Director of Lifelong Learning to incur expenditure against central budgets in funding the cost of Phase 2 and to make the current value of the Luton Incentive Allowance (other than Phase 1 which is 4% plus an uplift to salary range) £3000, which is a meaningful sum considered appropriate to make a difference to all teachers working in Luton, should the policy be extended in future years.</p> <p>(d) authorises the Director of Lifelong Learning to make agreements with governing bodies of affected schools</p>	

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			<p>in accordance with the model set out in Appendix 1 of this report and to agree the guidance attached at Appendix 1 for distribution to governing bodies.</p> <p>(e) ensures that any financial contribution made by the Council results in the recruitment of effective leaders, by continuing to input into the performance management of headteachers in this category and by making the effective performance management of other leaders in this category a responsibility of the headteacher.</p> <p>Reason: To attract a high calibre of applicants.</p>	
10.1 None	Appointment of Authorised Signatories – London Luton Airport Limited Company Secretary	EX/113/05	That the Director of Corporate and Customer Services (and after restructuring the Director of Resources), the Head of Legal Services and the Chief Executive be authorised to individually	<p>(i) To reject the recommendation.</p> <p>(ii) To accept the recommendation with amendments to the list of authorised signatories.</p>

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			<p>sign on behalf of Luton Borough Council, as Company Secretary of London Luton Airport Limited.</p> <p>Reason: To replace the authorised signatory who has now left the Authority.</p>	
10.2 None	Appointment of Non-Executive Director of London Luton Airport Limited	EX/114/05	<p>That Peter Watson be approved as a Non-Executive Director of London Luton Airport Limited.</p> <p>Reason: In order to continue the valuable contribution Peter Watson made on airport issues.</p>	To reject the appointment of Peter Watson as a Non-Executive Director of London Luton Airport Limited.
11.1 All	Extension to Contract of Temporary Team Leader (Traffic Signals)	EX/115/05	<p>That approval be given, pursuant to Standing Order 83.4, to extend the existing contract with Project Centre Ltd. for the provision of a Temporary Team Leader (Traffic Signals) for a period of 9 months instead of commencing a new procurement procedure for the service on the grounds that:</p> <p>The Council is most likely to receive best value in terms of cost,</p>	To commence procurement procedures for a new contract.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consistency and continuity of the service.</li> <li>• The service is only available from a limited number of consultants.</li> <li>• Previous quotations from consultants for providing the service have demonstrated very limited competition in costs.</li> </ul> <p>Reason: To enable the continued, uninterrupted operation of the Traffic Signals Unit.</p>	
11.2 All	Cemeteries and Cremation Fees – Increase	EX/116/05	<p>(i) That approval be given to an increase in the scale of charges for cremation and burial fees on average by 9.5%.</p> <p>(ii) That the individual cremation fees be further increased by £11 taking fees from the current £315 to £356 to cover the increased cost of medical referees.</p> <p>(iii) That both increases take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005.</p> <p>Reason: As a result of the Council's saving proposals and of the Shipman enquiry.</p>	

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11.3 All	Department of Environment and Regeneration Revenue Monitoring February 2005	EX/117/05	That the report be noted.  Reason: To update the Executive on the budget position.	
11.4 All	Planning Policy Guidance Note PPG3	EX/118/05	That the comments set out in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the report of the Director of Environment and Regeneration (Head of Planning) (Ref: 11.4) be approved as the Council's response to the Government's consultation.  Reason: To ensure that the Council's views are made known.	
11.5 All	Ministerial Statement: Planning for Mixed Communities	EX/119/05	That the comments set out in paragraphs 9 to 13 of the report of the Director of Environment and Regeneration (Head of Planning) (Ref: 11.5) be approved as the Council's response to the Government's consultation.  Reason: To ensure that the Council's views are made known.	

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11.6	Department of Environment and Regeneration Capital Monitoring	EX/120/05	<p>(i) That the report be noted.</p> <p>(ii) That the updated position in relation to the potential shortfall in external funding for the High Town Regeneration and High Town Conservation Enhancement projects, and the action being taken by officers, be noted.</p> <p>Reason: To update the Executive on the budget position.</p>	
11.7	Luton Bus Information Strategy	EX/121/05	<p>(i) That the Council be recommended to adopt the Luton Bus Information Strategy incorporating the changes agreed during the consultation process.</p> <p>(ii) That Officers be instructed to investigate the costs and benefits of working in association with the Intalink Partnership as operated in Hertfordshire, and to report on these to the Executive.</p> <p>Reason: (i) Statutory. (ii) Need for further investigation of costs and benefits of joining Intalink.</p> <p><b>Decision (i) exempt from the call-in process – Category 6</b></p>	<p>(i) Not to adopt the Luton Bus Information Strategy.</p> <p>(ii) Not to pursue investigation of the costs and benefits of associate membership of the Intalink partnership.</p>

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11.8	M1 Widening – Junctions 10 to 13	EX/122/05	<p>(i) That the Highways Agency be advised that if the M1 widening between junctions 10-13 does proceed, the following mitigation requirements should be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular monitoring of air pollution</li> <li>• Liaison with the Environmental Protection Group with regard to development of a Code of Construction Practice</li> <li>• Traffic management measures to include variable mandatory speed limits</li> <li>• The introduction of appropriate noise mitigation measures before construction commences wherever practicable</li> <li>• A balance sheet approach to ecological compensation</li> <li>• The re-construction of the bridge carrying the Translink guided busway over the M1 to a timescale that is consistent with the implementation of that project</li> </ul>	

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			<p>Reason: To ensure that the impact on residents and the environment is minimised.</p> <p>(ii) That the Highways Agency be requested to expedite statutory procedures for the de-specialisation of the M1 spur between junctions 10 and 10A as soon as the M1 widening between Junctions 6A and 10 is completed.</p>	
12.1 None	Filling of Vacancy on SJNCC	EX/123/05	<p>That the replacement, with immediate effect, of former Councillor Hand with Councillor Bailey on the SJNCC for the remainder of the current Municipal Year be noted.</p> <p>Reason: To fill the current vacancy on the Committee.</p>	
12.2 All	Trading Standards Service Delivery Plan 2005/6	EX/124/05	<p>That the 2005/2006 Trading Standards Service Delivery Plan attached at Appendix A to the report of the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (Ref: 12.2) be approved.</p> <p>Reason: To meet the aims of the National Performance Framework.</p>	

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12.3 None	Grants for Voluntary Organisations	EX/125/05	<p>(i) That the schedule of recommendations in respect of grants to voluntary organisations for the financial year 2005-6, including the recommendations of the Regeneration and Citizenship Scrutiny Committee, attached as an Appendix to the report of the Chief Executive (Ref: 12.3), be approved subject to the grant to Khidmat (GA043) being increased to £7,000.</p> <p>(ii) That Officers be requested to pursue discussions with a view to support by way of Service Level Agreements relating to Achievement Centred Transmissions (GA008) and Luton West Indian Community Association (GA009) and submit a progress report to the Executive within 3 months.</p> <p>(iii) That the Executive confirm the decision previously taken not to progress grant applications until accounts and the other required documentation had been submitted.</p> <p>Reason: To enable grants to be made to voluntary organisations for 2005-06.</p>	

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12.4 All	Development of a Sitting Service for Parents of Disabled Children	EX/126/05	<p>That approval be given for a sitting service for families of children with disabilities to be established in Luton to provide quality care in their own homes with suitably experienced, vetted and trained sitters.</p> <p>Reason: To support parents of disabled children.</p>	
12.5 None	Priority Performance Indicators 2005-06	EX/127/05	<p>That the list of performance indicators set out in the report of the Senior Policy and Performance Officer (Ref: 12.5) be adopted for detailed monitoring during 2005/06 subject to the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The description of “Schools performance assessment” should read:</li> <li>• % of schools in each category so we can track progress</li> <li>• Grade 1 = Special Measures</li> <li>• Grade 2 = Serious Weaknesses</li> <li>• Grade 3 = Satisfactory</li> </ul>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 4 = Good</li> <li>• Grade 5 = Outstanding</li> <li>• The figure in the reason for consideration in relation to “Benefits Backlog” should read 2653 and not 400</li> </ul> <p>Reason: To enable sufficient information to be presented to monitor performance effectively.</p>	
12.6	Business Partnership	EX/128/05	This item was withdrawn from the Agenda and will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.	
12.7 All	Annual Efficiency Review	EX/129/05	<p>(i) That the report be noted.</p> <p>(ii) That the first Annual Efficiency Statement, as tabled at the meeting, be approved.</p> <p>(iii) That the Director of Corporate and Customer Services be authorised in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Executive Member with portfolio responsibility for Finance and</p>	To make any amendments considered appropriate.

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			<p>Information to make such further changes as required.</p> <p>(iv) That the Executive Leader and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the Statement on behalf of the Council for submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2005.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure that the target for efficiency gains in local authorities set by the Government is met.</p>	
13	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA	EX/130/05	<p>A resolution was passed under Regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and the public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting as it was likely that if members of the public were present during consideration of the item remaining there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>Reason: Statutory</p>	

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14.1 Stopsley	Innovation Centre and Business Base Butterfield	EX/131/05	<p>(i) That the substantial progress made in respect of the project be noted.</p> <p>(ii) That approval in principle be given to the Funding Agreement.</p> <p>(iii) That approval be given to the signature of the Funding Agreement if the tender figures come within budget.</p> <p>(iv) That the Director of Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member with portfolio responsibility for Regeneration, be instructed to issue a Letter of Intent to the contractor if the tender figures are within budget.</p> <p>(v) That the approach outlined in negotiating the Management Operating Contract including the inclusion of the management of Portland Court into the contract be endorsed.</p> <p>(vi) That the Council be recommended to approve a Special Capital Estimate for</p>	

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			<p>£16,725,000 to be met by EEDA, Dti and Objective 2 funding.</p> <p>(vii) That the Acting Head of Regeneration be instructed to make a more detailed report on issues relating to Portland Court.</p> <p>Reason: To update the Executive on the current progress on the project.</p> <p>(Note: (1) The above item was considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 9 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, Part VA.</p> <p>(2) Councillor Howes disclosed a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in the above item and remained in the meeting during consideration of the matter.)</p> <p><b>Decision (vi) exempt from the call-in process – Category 6</b></p>	

The meeting ended at 7.08 p.m.  
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