

COUNCIL**DATE:** 20TH APRIL, 2004

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER STANDING ORDER
42- DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE UNDER
THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS OF THE
LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE
ARRANGEMENTS) (ACCESS TO INFORMATION)
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2000

REPORT BY: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	COMMUNITY SAFETY	<input type="checkbox"/>
EQUALITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	ENVIRONMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
FINANCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONSULTATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>
STAFFING	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of decisions taken by the Executive in accordance with the Special Urgency provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the report be noted.

BACKGROUND

3. The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and the Council's Standing Order 42 require me, as Executive Leader, to submit a quarterly report to the Council on decisions taken by the

Executive in pursuance of the Special Urgency provisions set out in Regulation 16 of the Regulations and in the Council's Standing Order 40.

REPORT

4. Set out below are details of the Executive's decisions taken during the last quarter in pursuance of the Special Urgency provisions referred to above:-

Date of Meeting	Subject	Decision(s)
3 rd November, 2003	Waste Transfer Station	Withdrawn from Agenda.
17 th November, 2003	Purchase of land at Hitchin Road by Barnfield College	<p>(i) That subject to the £25,000 being repaid in future years from the capital receipt from the sale of the site; approval be given for the release and spend approval of a Special Capital Estimate in the sum of £25,000 to produce a Remediation Strategy/ Survey for the remainder of the Pre-Star site, to be met from slippage in the Property Maintenance Priority Programme (project ZND100 in the approved Capital Programme),</p> <p>(ii) That this project be exempted from Chapter 9 of Standing Orders to enable the Council to appoint ECSUS to undertake the work for financial and time saving considerations in the light of ECSUS having already undertaken similar work on the other half of this site continued use of this contractor would enable efficient and timely use of resources.</p>

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		(iii) That the Head of Capital and Asset Management be instructed to report back to a future meeting of the Executive on the next steps in dealing with the remediation on the site.
15 th December, 2003	Passing on the Increase in School Funding to the 2004/05 Schools Budget	That approval be given for the proposed schools budget for 2004/05 as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Director of Lifelong Learning (Ref: 6.1) to be submitted to the DfES by 31 st December, 2003.
15 th March, 2004	Police Community Support Officers – Funding	<p>(i) That funding in the sum of £50,000 for 2004/5 be approved to support the employment of Police Community Support Officers for Luton by Bedfordshire Police Authority and the bid by Bedfordshire Police for a three year funding commitment from the Home Office for such a scheme be endorsed.</p> <p>(ii) That the Chief Executive be requested to seek assurances that Police Community Support Officers will (a) not lead to a reduction in the establishment of Police Officers, (b) not result in Luton based Police officers being transferred</p>

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		to other Divisions in the County and (c) that all Police Community Safety Officers to be appointed will be deployed in Luton.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

5. Executive Decisions Nod. EX/363/03, EX/385/03 and EX/83/04.