

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decisions

ROGER REED

Cabinet Member - Sustainable Development

Having considered a report sent members of the Policy Advisory Group (PAG) in February 2008 and the views expressed by the PAG, the Cabinet Member has made the following decision:

1. **ARBORICULTURAL ADVICE**

The Cabinet Member has considered a report on continuity of arboricultural advice and a proposal to agree an exemption to Contract Procedure Rules for a short term contract.

Arrangements had been made use Wycombe DC arboriculturalists during a two week period of absence of the Council's arboriculturalist, at a cost of between £52 and £60 per hour, within the Contract Procedure Rule allowing contracts without competitive quotations up to a value of £1,000. Further cover from Wycombe DC was proposed after the arboriculturalist left the Council's employ on 7 March 2008.

The Cabinet Member has agreed to **RECOMMEND** Cabinet that:

- (1) The action taken to secure arboricultural cover from Wycombe DC arboriculturists during a two week period in February, even if this involves some expenditure above the £1,000 figure, is noted.
- (2) the services of Wycombe DC be used to provide arboricultural advice in the period between the Council's own arboriculturist leaving the Council and his successor commencing employment with the Council, with this to be an extension of the contract with Wycombe.

Date Published: 19 February 2008 **Date to be Implemented:** 27 February 2008.