



# Buckinghamshire County Council

## Draft Decisions

## *Cabinet*

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21 June 2004

### **ITEM 3: Minutes**

The Cabinet agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2004 subject to an amendment with regard to Item 2 (Portfolio Roundup – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care). The last sentence should read, 'A staff conference **would** be held....'.

The Cabinet agreed the confidential minutes from the same meeting.

### **ITEM 4: Portfolio Roundup**

Cabinet Members reported on developments in their portfolio areas.

### **ITEM 5: Scanning and Planning**

Members noted the following amendment to the Forward Plan:

Feedback from Ofsted Inspection and Improvement Plan, Cabinet Member for Schools/Sue Imbriano - moved to 26 July 2004 Cabinet, as further information was awaited.

### **ITEM 6: Responding to a Major Incident - Humanitarian Aspects**

Cabinet was asked to consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Personal Care. In response Cabinet agreed all the recommendations contained in the report as detailed below, except recommendation c, their response to this is shown in bold type.

### **RESOLVED**

#### **That:**

- a. The Cabinet Member Community Services would work as lead member in co-ordinating an Action Plan to implement the recommendations listed below and would report progress to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Personal Care in January 2005. The Action Plan should have clear accountabilities identified.
- b. Recruitment to the Crisis Support Team should be extended to a wider range of County Council staff and the incentives and support available to those who volunteer should be reviewed.
- c. **The Council continues to support the existing voluntary organisations that have a civil emergency response role with their recruitment of new volunteers.**
- d. An Emergency Planning Communications Strategy should be established, which includes mechanisms for feedback and evaluation of its effectiveness.

- e. The County Council's Community Leadership role be utilised to promote involvement with emergency planning, with all sections of the community.
- f. The way in which emergency planning training is provided be reviewed to make it part of mainstream training which emphasises the development of key transferable skills and provides a clear continuing professional development path.
- g. The quality and quantity of opportunities for joint training with partner organisations be extended.
- h. The way in which emergency planning is promoted and co-ordinated across the County Council be reviewed and a lead officer in each service area be appointed to champion emergency planning issues.

**ITEM 7:                   The 2004 Organisational Review**

Cabinet received the report of the Chief Officer of the Council, which contained the context, findings and conclusions from the Organisational Review.

**RESOLVED**

**That:**

- i. Cabinet endorsed the direction taken by the Review and the proposals for improving the organisational arrangements of the County Council;**
- ii. Agreed to ask the Monitoring Officer to capture the constitutional implications of the proposals and incorporate them in her report to the Regulatory Committee;**
- iii. Authorised the Chief Officer of the Council to carry out a consultation on the possibility of transferring responsibility for Special Schools and PRUs from Children and Young People to the School's Portfolio.**

**ITEM 8:                   Corporate Performance Monitoring Report**

Cabinet received the report of the Leader of the Council, which gave information on the third and final four-month performance report against the indicators in the Corporate Performance Monitoring Framework for 2003-04. A third recommendation was agreed at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

**That:**

- 1. Cabinet scrutinised the actual performance data and commented on particular areas, which merited further consideration.**
- 2. Cabinet considered how effectively corporate reports have been used by Cabinet Members in helping to improve service performance and suggested any support needed to develop this function further.**
- 3. Cabinet agreed that individuals provide a copy of their monthly performance monitoring reports to the Deputy Leader to support him in taking an overview of corporate performance.**

**ITEM 9:                   County Council Response to Shaping Health Services**

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Buckinghamshire County Council, Mrs A Davies, Head of Legal and Administration, County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1UA

Cabinet received the report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, asking for a response to be agreed to the National Health Service Consultation Document, 'Shaping Health Services'.

## **RESOLVED**

**That:**

- 1. Cabinet gave cautious support to the proposals for change, expressing concern about the proposals for services for Women and Children (as set out in the letter attached to the report as Appendix 1) and required a more detailed resource and financial appraisal of some of the proposals which might impact on County Council services before being able to agree to their implementation.**
- 2. Supported some of the proposals (as set out in paragraph 3 of the report) which did not affect County Council services but which would result in improved services for patients.**
- 3. Approved the letter (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) from the Chief Officer as being the response from Buckinghamshire County Council to the consultation document.**

### **ITEM 10: Charging for Services - A Protocol**

Cabinet received a report of the Cabinet Member for Community Services, which recommended adopting a Charging Protocol.

## **RESOLVED**

**That:**

- 1. Cabinet recognised the need for a consistent and comprehensive approach to charging for Council services**
- 2. Adopted the attached Charging Protocol as the basis for carrying out a review of charging for services**
- 3. Requested that the outcome of the review is reported back to the Cabinet in October so that the Council's approach to charging can be determined at the same time as the Council's Medium Term Plan is finalised**

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