

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 22 JULY 2014**

SHARED SERVICES BUSINESS CASE FOR PLANNING POLICY

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- 1 At a meeting on 16 July 2014, the Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Committee considered the Business Case (attached as Private Appendix 1) for a joint planning policy service and whilst requesting the Working Group to review the cost sharing arrangements together with the potential savings in the light of the additional information given at the meeting agreed that the Business Case had been proven. The Joint Committee further agreed that the joint Planning Service to be implemented should be as described in Section 4 of the report that is one manager with two teams, one located at Capswood and the other located at King George V House. With regard to preparing a joint new Local Plan for the two authorities, the Joint Committee felt that this was a matter for both authorities to discuss at a future date.

- 1 Following legal advice and in order to be consistent with the previous approach used for shared service reviews, Full Council are asked to formally adopt the recommendations below:

RECOMMENDED –

- 1. That the case for a joint planning policy service is proven and that both Councils should proceed to establish a joint planning policy service.**
 - 2. That subject to consultation with staff and a formal agreement between the Councils, the services of staff in South Bucks District Council's Planning Policy Services be put at the disposal of Chiltern District Council under Section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 so they can work across the two local authority areas.**
 - 3. That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Leader and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise the terms of any legal documentation required to give effect to recommendation 2 above.**
 - 4. That the decision of the Joint Committee to request the Working Group to review the cost sharing arrangements together with the potential savings be noted and authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder at each Council, to make any adjustments to the business case in the light of the report back from the Working Group.**
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