



Delegated Decisions Made by Officers

Regulation 7 of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 requires a written record to be produced as soon as reasonably practicable after an Officer has made a decision under delegation.

This means that in order to comply with these new requirements, Officers discharging delegated powers which a) grant a permission or licence; b) affect the rights of an individual or c) award a contract or incur expenditure which in either case materially affects the Council's financial position, must complete the form below - and send it to democraticservices@southbucks.gov.uk - for publication on the Council website in accordance with the Regulations.

1. Name and role of officer: Peter Beckford Head of Sustainable Development

2. Date of decision: 7th September 2015

3. Summary of the decision:

- a) to lower the performance targets in relation to customer satisfaction, reflecting the fact that the service already achieves a higher level of customer satisfaction than the national average for local authority building control services, which LABC advises is around 70 - 75% nationally. Accordingly, performance from the joint CDC/SBDC to team is already considerably higher than national performance.
- b) The percentage payments for applications to be checked within 10 working days has been increased from 30% and 40%, to 40% and 60% - reflecting the fact that this is the criterion over which the building control surveyors have direct control. These increased percentages are counterbalanced by the percentage payments for customer satisfaction being decreased from 30% and 40%, to 10% and 20% - reflecting the fact that building control surveyors have no direct control (but rather they have an indirect influence) over this.

4. Reasons for the decision:

The same report regarding this matter was considered by the South Bucks Personnel Committee at its meeting on 24th August, and the Chiltern Personnel Committee at its meeting on 1st September. Members of both Committees had some comments on the proposals, and resolved that authority be delegated to the Head of Sustainable Development, in the case of South Bucks in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, and in the case of Chiltern with the Chairman of the Committee and Councillor Phillips, in order to agree the final detailed proposals for implementation.

5. When making the decision did the officer take into account information from another report? Yes No (not attached as report contained exempt information)

6. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision: *Please detail other alternative options that were considered (even if rejected)* None

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7. (a) **Details of any conflict of interests declared by any Member who was consulted regarding the decision:**

Were any interests declared by the Member(s)?

None

- (b) **Note of dispensation:** *A note of dispensation may be granted by the Head of Paid Service in relation to Members' conflicts of interest. Please provide details below.*

None

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