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To: County Council – 15 December 2011

Subject: Quarterly Report On Urgent Key Decisions

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To report an urgent Key Decision taken in the last quarter.

1. The Constitution requires the Leader to provide a quarterly report to the County Council of any Key Decisions which were taken as urgent matters during the previous three months.
2. The urgent Key Decision on the Citizens' Advice Consumer Advice Service was taken in the last quarter as set out below. This was an exempt matter.

Citizens' Advice Consumer Advice Service (11/01787)

An urgent exempt key decision was taken on 9 November 2011, by Mr Mike Hill, Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities to enter into a contract with a named provider to deliver the Citizens' Advice Consumer Advice Service for a period of three years (extendable by 2 years) from 2 April 2012 and to authorise the Corporate Director of Customer and Communities to sign all documents and contracts relevant to this matter.

This matter was deemed urgent under the terms of the Council's Constitution because the Office for Fair Trading (OFT), who currently commission the service, required evidence that the new contract was finalised before they started to issue termination notices to the closing centres by 20 November 2011.

Consultations

The Chairman and Spokespersons of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee were consulted about this matter and agreed that the decision should be taken as a matter of urgency.

Recommendation

3. The County Council is requested to note this report.

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Background documents: Record of Decision 11/01787