

From: Mike Hill – Cabinet Member for Community Services
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To: Growth, Economic Development & Communities Cabinet
Committee – 7th July 2015

Subject: 15/00048 - Protocol for National Illegal Money Lending Team

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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Summary: The attached decision was taken between meetings in accordance with the process in Appendix 4 Part 6, paragraph 6.18 (b) to (d) of the Constitution as it could not reasonably be deferred to the next programmed meeting of the Growth, Economic Development and Cabinet Committee for the reason set out below.

(1) In accordance with the new governance arrangements, all significant or Key Decisions must be listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and should be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Committee for endorsement or recommendation prior to the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet.

(2) For the reason set out below it has not been possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to it being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet. Therefore, in accordance with process set out in Appendix 4 Part 6, paragraph 6.18 (b) to (d) of the of the Constitution, the Chairman and Group Spokespersons for this Cabinet Committee were consulted prior to the decision being taken and their views were recorded on the Record of Decision. After the decision was taken, it was published to all Members of this Cabinet Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.

(3) Since 2011, KCC has had a protocol with Birmingham City Council delegating Birmingham Trading Standards to provide a national, specialist resource to investigate illegal money lending across England. Changes in legislation have required a new delegation to be agreed to ensure the correct protocols were in place for active investigations in Kent and therefore Decision number 15/00048 – Protocol for National Illegal Money Lending Scheme to authorise Birmingham City Council to investigate and institute proceedings against illegal money lenders operating within the Kent County Council area was taken.

2. Recommendation: That Decision Number 15/00048 - Protocol for National Illegal Money Lending Team taken in accordance with the process in Appendix 4 Part 6 of the Constitution be noted.

Background documents:

None

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