



## **Urgent Non-Executive Decision Made by the Chief Executive**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. To note the report.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 In the Council's Constitution the Chief Executive has delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council, in cases of urgency, in the discharge any non-executive function of the Council other than those delegated to another officer or those which by law can be discharged only by full Council.
- 2.2 This report advises Council of the following decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with his delegated authority.
- 2.3 **Special Responsibility Allowance – Chair of the Audit and Accounts Committee**

Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel were asked for their views on whether the Chair of the Audit and Accounts Committee should receive a Special Responsibility Allowance. The Panel agreed to recommend that Council approves a Special Responsibility Allowance of 17.5%. The payment will commence from the date of the Council meeting when the terms of reference and membership of the Audit and Accounts Committee were agreed – 20 July 2005. This allowance will be reviewed in February 2006 along with the other allowances.

The Chief Executive approved the Special Responsibility Allowance of 17.5% for the Chair of the Audit and Accounts Committee.

- 2.4 **Children's Centre Schemes**

The timescale for completing the Children's Centre Capital schemes at Ashgate Nursery School, Asterdale Primary School and Becket Primary School is tight. The agreed deadlines for these new facilities to be built are March 2006 for Ashgate, June 2006 for Becket and August 2006 for Asterdale. The Council was under pressure from Sure Start to complete projects by the agreed dates, or funding was likely to be lost. There was also an issue with claiming the Children's Centre and Sure Start capital funding for the Ashgate Nursery scheme by 31 March 2006.

- 2.5 There was a shortfall of £115,000 for the Ashgate Nursery Scheme. There was a shortfall of £150,000 for the Becket Primary project. The Asterdale Primary costs were still being finalised, but were estimated to be over by £300,000. Across the three schemes the overall shortfall was estimated at £565,000. It was important for additional funding to be agreed if essential completion dates were to be met. To meet these deadlines, contractors had to start work immediately. The detailed design work had highlighted specific site issues identifying additional necessary work that could not be foreseen, which had resulted in budget shortfalls.
- 2.6 The Chief Executive approved funding the shortfall on these Children's Centre Schemes from the Education Service Capital Programme.
- 2.4 The leaders of the three political groups were consulted on both decisions and raised no objections.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Report to Chief Executive of an Urgent Non-Executive Matter Requiring a Decision of the Council
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## Appendix 1

### IMPLICATIONS

#### Financial

- 1.1 None

#### Legal

- 2.1 None.

#### Personnel

- 3.1 None.

#### Equalities impact

- 4.1 None.

#### Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 None

