

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger
Communities - Monday, 10 May 2010***

Adult Learning Service: Use of Premises

Present

Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities: Mrs J. Heathcoat

J. Dixon (Social & Community Services); K. Coldwell (Corporate Core)

Documentation considered:

Report Adult Learning Service: Use of Premises

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Cabinet Member's Comments

I note that the Service needs to reduce its spend but intends to increase the amount of learning provided via these proposals. I have asked the Head of Adult Learning to let me know should any of the expected savings (in a full financial year) from the proposals not be achieved.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me I confirm my decision on this matter as follows:

to approve the changes proposed in the report, whilst noting that the Service is no longer withdrawing from Berinsfield.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

Date 2010

Trading Standards Service Self-Assessment Against the Regulator's Compliance Code

Present

Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities: Mrs J. Heathcoat

R. Webb (Community Safety); K. Coldwell (Corporate Core)

Documentation considered:

Report Trading Standards Service Self-Assessment Against the Regulator's Compliance Code

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Cabinet Member's Comments

I note that the Trading Standards Service is already broadly compliant with the requirements of the LACORS Code and that the Service is already compliant in terms of high risk issues regardless of which code is followed.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me I confirm my decision on this matter as follows:

to approve the Trading Standards Service following the Local Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services (LACORS) guidance on the Regulator's Compliance Code when determining action required to meet the requirements of this Code.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

Date2010

Arrangements for Inspection and Licensing of Petroleum and Explosives Storage in Buckinghamshire

Present

Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities: Mrs J. Heathcoat

R. Webb (Community Safety); K. Coldwell (Corporate Core)

Documentation considered:

Report Arrangements for Inspection and Licensing of Petroleum and Explosives Storage in Buckinghamshire

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Cabinet Member's Comments

I note the following:

- that the hourly rate to be charged separately by Oxfordshire County Council for undertaking investigations on behalf of Buckinghamshire Trading Standards in respect of enforcement responsibilities (eg investigations of identified breaches) will be built into the contract as a clause;
- that the Acting Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety will discuss potential legal liability with the Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal & Democratic Services and ensure that Oxfordshire County Council will not be exposed to risk should Buckinghamshire County Council not follow advice or recommendations arising from the services provided.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me I confirm my decision on this matter as follows:

to authorise the Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety to enter into an agreement with Buckinghamshire County Council to provide licensing and inspection services for petroleum spirit and explosives subject to satisfactory terms being negotiated with Buckinghamshire County Council, taking account of the need to mitigate the financial risks associated with this project to deliver services to an external body ie Buckinghamshire County Council.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

Date 2010

Firefighters Personal Protective Equipment (Fire Kit)

Present

Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities: Mrs J. Heathcoat

C. Thomas (Community Safety); K. Coldwell (Corporate Core)

Documentation considered:

Report Firefighters Personal Protective Equipment (Fire Kit)

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Cabinet Member’s Comments

Due to the delay in the collaborative tendering process and previous inability to use the Yorkshire Procurement Organisation call off contract, the ability to guarantee continuing provision of personal protective equipment is in question. This places an unacceptable level of risk on the operational effectiveness of the service should there be any delay in either the letting of the contract or the implementation of it. For this reason I have chosen to approve an extension to the existing contract with Lion Apparel Ltd. There is also a considerable amount of work that needs to be done prior to implementation of the new contract, for example fitting the new Fire Kit and training officers into how to wear and correctly maintain it.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

- a) to approve an extension to the existing contract with Lion Apparel Ltd for a period of 6 months, with an option to withdraw sooner if that is feasible;
- b) to delegate authority to the Chief Fire Officer to extend the contract for a further 3 months or less should the new contract not be operational in sufficient time to allow for a seamless transition.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

Date2010