

## ***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities***

***Monday, 10 December 2012 at 12.00 pm  
County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

### ***Items for Decision***

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Tuesday 18 December 2012 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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Note: Date of next meeting: 21 January 2013

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## Items for Decision

1. **Declarations of Interest**
2. **Questions from County Councillors**

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. **Petitions and Public Address**
4. **Thames Valley Fire Control Service - Admission of Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue Authority (BMKFRA)** (Pages 1 - 6)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2012/154

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Report by Chief Fire Officer (**CMDSSC 4**).

The purpose of this report is to seek a delegated decisions approval (in line with previous decisions by Cabinet to delegate authority in this matter to the Cabinet lead member) to allow Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue Authority (BMKFRA) to join the Thames Valley Fire Control Service (TVFCS).

The reason for this move is because of an extraordinary meeting of the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue Authority (BMKFRA), held on 31 October 2012, voted in favour of withdrawing from their current partnering arrangement with Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Authority and joining the TVFCS (following joint discussions at both Officer and Member Level across the three Thames Valley fire & rescue authorities).

***The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to:***

- (a) ***Agree that Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue Authority***

*(BMKFRA) be invited to join the Thames Valley Fire Control Service (TVFCS) as a full partner in steady state in accordance with the principles set out in the report*

- (b) Agree that, in the interim, BMKFRA be invited to contribute as a full partner in the work to establish a Joint Committee to manage the TVFCS.*
  - (c) Agree that BMKFRA be invited to participate in the delivery programme as a non-voting member in accordance with the principles set out in the paper.*
  - (d) Delegate to the Chief Fire Officer the authority to sign a legally binding partnership agreement between the TVFCS partners and BMKFRA, drafted in accordance with the principles set out in the paper.*
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