

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2006

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 27 April 2006. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Susan May.

PRESENTATION

The Chairman and Laura Lock as the staff representative presented Claire Billing, Fundraising Coordinator at Addenbrooke's Hospital, with a cheque for £3,314 on behalf of the Chairman's charity for the year, the da Vinci robotic system project for research and the care of patients with prostate cancer.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Council **AGREED** that Councillor FR Bryant be appointed Vice-Chairman for the meeting.

MINUTES

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March as a correct record, subject to the deletion of "or through the Licensing Act." In the second paragraph of Minute 6(c) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults Policy).

PETITIONS

NOTED the receipt of a petition from the residents of Lordship Close, Orwell seeking reconsideration of the replacement of their sheltered scheme warden.

COMPUTERISATION OF LOCAL LAND CHARGES SYSTEM (MINUTE 3)

RESOLVED that

- (a) the local land charges / local search process be fully computerised at the earliest opportunity, starting 1 May 2006;
- (b) the following variance to cash limits and the budget for 2006/07 be approved to implement and support an electronic Local Land Charges system:

Supplier		
Northgate / MVM M3		
Software and Implementation	£77,000	<i>Capital one-off</i>
Data Conversion / Additional Costs	£50,000	<i>Revenue</i>
Annual maintenance	£2,500	<i>Revenue on-going</i>
Total	£129,500	

- (c) and that a contract to be placed with Northgate / MVM for the M3 system under the provisions of Contract Standing Order 4.5 (the Council considers it desirable in the best interests of the Council that a tender be negotiated with a contractor already engaged by the Council).

RESOURCES FOR HOUSING CHOICE BASED LETTINGS (MINUTE 4)

AGREED that an 18-month fixed-term post of Choice Based Lettings (CBL) Project Officer be established to support the implementation of CBL, to be funded from a

mix of Housing General Fund and Housing Revenue Account sources.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE
RESOLVED that**

- (a) the appointment of Mr GJ Harlock, current Finance and Resources Director, as Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service/Section 151 Officer for one year from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 be approved;
- (b) the fixed term contract be extendable by mutual consent of the Council and Mr Harlock; and
- (c) the terms and conditions of such appointment, including as to remuneration, are to be agreed between Mr Harlock and the Chairman of the Transformation Committee and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Employment Committee, taking professional advice as appropriate from the current Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS R HALL AND CR NIGHTINGALE

Council **RESOLVED** that, in the event of Councillor Summerfield being re-elected to the Council as a Liberal Democrat, the Independent group should be invited to propose a nomination to the Transformation Committee to make the committee representative.

**APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO STANDARDS
COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that Mr J Jones, Chairman and independent member of Luton Borough Council Standards Committee be appointed to the Standards Committee for the purposes of a specific hearing panel to be held in mid-May only.

