

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

4 September 2012

Report of the Chief Executive

**URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
(Finance and Management)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To note three urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation contained in the Council's Constitution.

2. Information and Analysis

(i) Insurance of Pension Fund Properties and Economic Development Properties (Factory Units)

Approval was sought to renew the insurance covering the Council's Pension Fund Properties and Economic Development Properties (Factory Units). A copy of the report of the Director of Finance explaining the circumstances in which the urgent decision was taken is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

The decision was taken on 31 July 2012 by the Chief Executive in consultation with Councillor John Harrison, Cabinet Member for Finance and Management.

(ii) Hadfield Nursery School – Pitched Roof

Approval was sought to address urgent persistent problems and leaks with the pitched roof at Hadfield Nursery School. A copy of the report of the Director of Property explaining the circumstances in which the urgent decision was taken is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

The decision was taken on 15 August 2012 by the Chief Executive in consultation with Councillor John Harrison, Cabinet Member for Finance and Management.

(iii) Wirksworth Eco Centre – Proposed Purchase of Land from the National Coal Centre

Approval was sought for the capital expenditure of £55,000 to purchase the current site of the Eco Centre and an adjacent area of land from the National Stone Centre. A copy of the joint report of the Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property explaining the circumstances

in which the urgent decision was taken is attached as Appendix 3 to this report.

The decision was taken on 15 August 2012 by the Chief Executive in consultation with Councillor John Harrison, Cabinet Member for Finance and Management.

3. Legal Considerations

The Chief Executive's decisions were taken in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation contained in the Council's Constitution which provides that "Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Chief Executive shall have power, after discussion, if practicable, with the Leader of the Council or the relevant Cabinet Member or Chairman, to take such action deemed to be necessary and expedient in matters requiring urgent consideration and which, because of the timescale involved, or the need to safeguard the interests of the County Council, cannot be dealt with by submission to the next following meeting of the Council, Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Committee." As a matter of good practice, Cabinet is being informed of the decisions which have been taken under this provision.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Background Papers

Contained in files held by the Director of Finance and Director of Property.

6. Key Decision

No

7. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? Not applicable.

8. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Nick Hodgson
Chief Executive