

REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER (DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of a decision taken under urgency procedures since the last meeting of the Administration Committee.

Background

2. Administration Committee agreed an urgency procedure in 2009 to enable approval by the Chief Executive, following the majority agreement of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee and the Deputy Leader of the Council.

The introduction of the new committee system this year brought about revisions to the Council's constitution and as such a revision of its procedures for taking urgent decisions. The Chief Executive's approval was sought in accordance with paragraph 9 Part C of the constitution (the procedure for taking urgent decisions).

As part of the procedure, I am required to report to this Committee the details set out below of a recent decision taken since the last meeting:-

Date of approval Decision taken

6 November 2012 Approval for the Team Manager from Ashfield Children and Young People's Services to travel to Ireland in order to carry out an assessment to meet the Court's timescale of completion of 30th November 2012.

Reasons for Urgency

3. The County Council is currently working with a family in Nottinghamshire where the child is subject to an Interim Care Order. In order to proceed with this case, an assessment is required of a close relative in Ireland. If this assessment is not positive, the only outcome for this child is adoption. Prior to that decision being made, all family members need to have been considered before the Agency Decision Maker would even consider this.

On 2nd November the Court agreed that this assessment was required with a timescale of completion by the 30th Nov 2012.

The timescale for travelling pre-dated the next available meeting of the Administration Committee which was on 21 November 2012. In order to comply with the Court's deadline of 30 November the planned travel arrangements were Tuesday 20th November 2012 to 23 November 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be noted.

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Financial Comments (MB 27/11/12)

4. The cost will be met from the budget for Children's Services.

Constitutional Comments (SLB 28/11/2012)

5. Administration Committee is the appropriate body to note this report. Policy Committee receives periodic reports summarising use of the procedure for taking urgent decisions.

Electoral Division(s) and Members(s) Affected

None

Background papers available for inspection

Completed urgent approval form and accompanying report.