

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR POLICY PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

16 April 2013

Agenda Item: 6

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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 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

11/03/2013	Approval for a Social Worker from Children's Services to travel to Ireland to undertake an assessment of a child's placement with a family member, in order to meet the Court's timescale.
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Reasons for Urgency

3. On 1st March 2013, the Court made an Interim Residence Order and an Order allowing a child to be removed from the UK and for Nottinghamshire County Council to continue to monitor the case.
4. The County Council is currently working with a family in Nottinghamshire where a child is subject to an Interim Residence Order. In order to proceed with this case, an assessment is required of the child in placement with a

family member in Ireland. Two visits are required to ensure that the child is settled and that the placement continues to meet the child's needs. If this assessment is not positive, the only outcome for this child is adoption.

5. The timescale for travelling pre-dated the next available meeting of the Administration Committee which was on 20 March 2013 and in order to comply with the Court's deadline it was necessary for the Social Worker to make travel arrangements to travel to and from Ireland on 2 occasions with each visit being completed in one day.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be noted.

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Corporate Director for Policy Planning and Corporate Services.

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Financial Comments

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

Constitutional Comments

7. Because this report is for noting only no Constitutional Comments are required.

Electoral Division(s) and Members(s) Affected

None

Background papers available for inspection

Completed urgent approval form and accompanying report.