

Direction made under section 24 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

- 1) In exercise of the powers under section 24 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the Act”) the Secretary of State makes this direction which has effect from 16 April 2008.

Interpretation

- 2) In this direction “the Central Bedfordshire Council” means the Central Bedfordshire District Council.

General

- 3) The Secretary of State directs each authority specified in paragraph 4, being an authority which is to be dissolved by virtue of an order made under section 7 of the Act, that it may not, without her written consent, dispose of any land if the consideration for the disposal exceeds £100,000 and the authority is required to dispose of the land under any enactment.
- 4) The authorities are:
 - a) Mid Bedfordshire District Council;
 - b) South Bedfordshire District Council; and
 - c) Bedfordshire County Council.

Particular

Mid Bedfordshire District Council and South Bedfordshire District Council

- 5) The Secretary of State directs Mid Bedfordshire District Council and South Bedfordshire District Council that they may not, without the written consent of the Central Bedfordshire Council:
 - a) make any other disposal of land, if the consideration for the disposal exceeds £100,000;
 - b) enter into any capital contract

- i) under which the consideration payable by the relevant authority exceeds £1,000,000; or
 - ii) which includes a term allowing the consideration payable by the relevant authority to be varied;
- c) enter into any non-capital contract under which the consideration payable by the relevant authority exceeds £100,000; or
- d) include an amount of financial reserves in a calculation under section 32(3) or 43(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Bedfordshire County Council

- 6) The Secretary of State directs Bedfordshire County Council that it may not, without the written consent of Bedford Borough Council undertake any of the actions set out in paragraph 5(a) to (c) above, if the land is situated in, or the contract relates to the area of Bedford Borough Council.
- 7) The Secretary of State directs Bedfordshire County Council that it may not, without the written consent of the Central Bedfordshire Council undertake any of the actions set out in paragraph 5(a) to (c) above, if the land is situated in, or the contract relates to the area of the Central Bedfordshire Council.
- 8) The Secretary of State directs Bedfordshire County Council that it may not, without the written consent of Bedford Borough Council and the Central Bedfordshire Council:
 - a) undertake any of the actions set out in paragraph 5(a) to (c) above if:
 - i) the land is situated in both the area of Bedford Borough Council and in the area of the Central Bedfordshire Council or it is situated outside those areas;
 - ii) the contract relates to the areas of Bedford Borough Council and the Central Bedfordshire Council or it relates to an area outside those areas;
 - b) include an amount of financial reserves in a calculation under section 32(3) or 43(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

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