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27th March 2007

Dear Councillor,

## URGENT BUSINESS - BUSINESS CONTINUITY POLICY AND OVERALL COUNCIL PLAN

Members are requested to consider giving approval to the Council's new Business Continuity Policy and a new Overall Business Continuity Plan, in accordance with the Council's Urgent Business Procedure, details of which are set out within the attached report.

The urgency for this decision is that the Audit Commission requires approved Business Continuity plans and policies by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007, and it is impracticable to defer the decision until the next appropriate meeting of Cabinet.

The recommendations are:

- (1) That both the Business Continuity Policy and the overall Business Continuity Plan be approved.
- (2) That the financial implications of fully implementing the plan be addressed in the next review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and associated budget projections.

The approval of the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been sought to this action in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a).

I would be grateful if you could complete the attached slip, signifying whether you are in agreement with the recommendation or not, and return it to the Town Hall as soon as possible. In the meantime, could you please telephone Jon Stark on 582132, or e-mail JStark@lancaster.gov.uk, with your decision.

Yours sincerely,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE Enc.

## URGENT BUSINESS - BUSINESS CONTINUITY POLICY AND OVERALL COUNCIL PLAN

## Councillor Consultation

\*I am/am not (\*please delete as appropriate) in agreement with the recommendations:

- (1) That both the Business Continuity Policy and the overall Business Continuity Plan be approved.
- (2) That the financial implications of fully implementing the plan be addressed in the next review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and associated budget projections.

Signed: Ian Barker

Eileen Blamire

Name: Councillors Ian Barker and Eileen Blamire

Position Held: Leader of the Cabinet and Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility

Dated: 30.03.07

## Chief Executive Decision

\*I agree/do not agree (\*please delete as appropriate) to exercise my delegated authority and approve:

- (1) That both the Business Continuity Policy and the overall Business Continuity Plan be approved.
- (2) That the financial implications of fully implementing the plan be addressed in the next review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and associated budget projections.

Signed: Mark Cullinan

Chief Executive

Dated: 30.03.07

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