ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
NOTICE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS ON THURSDAY 4 JULY 2013

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PLEASE NOTE THE SIGNED DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT AS FROM 10.00AM ON THURSDAY 11 JULY 2013 UNLESS THE CALL-IN PROCESS IS APPLIED
PART B : INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION

| URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11 OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES? | NO |
| CABINET MEMBER RESPONSIBLE: | Councillor Dudley Wensley. |
| SUBJECT: | Prosecutions for Housing and Council Tax Benefit Fraud |
| OFFICER CONTACT: | Name of Officer: Steve Clark  Ext: 37722  email: steve.clark@arun.gov.uk |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Housing and Council Tax Benefit Prosecution Panel have received one report where benefit has been overpaid and there is evidence that offences have been committed under the Social Security Administration Act 1992. The Panel resolved to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance that the case be prosecuted for Benefit Fraud, subject to the final decision resting with the Solicitor to the Council in relation to specific charges and who may recommend a Local Authority Caution following thorough examination of the evidence.

DECISION:

As recommended in report / as amended by Cabinet / Cabinet Member -
To prosecute in this case subject to the final decision resting with the Solicitor to the Council, who may recommend a Local Authority Caution.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION:

The case fits the criteria of the Council’s Anti Fraud Policy which was adopted by the Council in 2008

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED:

1. To offer a Local Authority Caution.
2. To apply an administrative penalty equal to 30% of the overpayment and not to prosecute.
3. Do nothing

(Add any further options which arise from the consideration of this decision)

CABINET MEMBER(S)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:

ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER WHO IS CONSULTED BY THE MEMBER TAKING THE DECISION:

DECISION BY: Relevant Cabinet Member  SIGNATURE:  DATE: 4 July 2013

Leader of Cabinet