

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM, ON
TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2010. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED
UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.**

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY
HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2010

Present: Cllr Barry Abraham - Cabinet Member for Fire & Community Safety

Jonathan Baker – Democratic Services Officer

Item	<u>Authorisation of Illegal Money Lending Team to Investigate and Institute Proceedings Against Illegal Money Lenders Operating on the Isle of Wight</u>
Decision reference	01/10
Decision taken	<p>Option 2</p> <p>THAT with effect from 1st February 2010, the Isle of Wight Council agrees that the discharge of its function of the enforcement of Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 be carried out on the Isle of Wight by Birmingham City Council (pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, Regulation 7 of the Local Authority (Arrangements for Discharge of Functions)(England) Regulations 2000 and Section 13(7) of the Local Government Act 2000).</p> <p>THAT Additionally the attached “Draft Protocol for Illegal Money Lending Team Investigations” be agreed and authority be delegated to the Trading Standards Manager to enter into the agreement on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council and approve minor alterations if required</p>
Reasons for decision	The implementation of the Illegal Money Lending Team would provide a major benefit to vulnerable people who may be subject to the criminal activities of loan sharks as well as the wider crime and disorder agenda.
Additional reasons	<p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Safe and Well Kept Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce crime and the fear of crime • A Healthy and Supportive Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve emotional health ○ Support vulnerable people • Delivering Better Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance the Council’s reputation. ○ Improve performance and value for money. ○ Work consistently and cohesively with partners. ○ Prioritise and rationalise resources.

Options considered and rejected	Option 1. Do nothing - The effect of which would be to deprive the Island community, particularly those who may become victims of 'loan sharks', of the opportunity of bringing these criminals to justice and support with the associated quality of life issues. There are no viable alternatives for providing the facility, other than that set out in Option 2.
Declarations of interest	None declared
Additional advice received	None received