

## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Thursday, 14 April 2016.

### PRESENT

Cllr D Bowater (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs C F Chapman MBE (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs	Mrs A Barker R D Berry M C Blair A D Brown J Chatterley Mrs S Clark K M Collins N B Costin I Dalgarno S Dixon Mrs A L Dodwell P A Duckett K Ferguson F Firth Mrs J Freeman E Ghent C C Gomm	Cllrs	Mrs S A Goodchild Ms A M W Graham C Hegley P Hollick J G Jamieson K Janes M R Jones J Kane D J Lawrence Mrs J G Lawrence K C Matthews D McVicar R Morris T Nicols G Perham A Ryan B Saunders	Cllrs	J A G Saunders D Shelvey I Shingler B J Spurr R C Stay Mrs T Stock T Swain G Tubb A M Turner M A G Versallion B Walker N Warren B Wells R D Wenham T Woodward J N Young A Zerny
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### Apologies for Absence

Cllrs	L Birt P Downing	Cllrs	Mrs D B Gurney R W Johnstone	Cllrs	Ms C Maudlin P Smith
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Officers:	Mr T Keaveney	— Assistant Director Housing Services
	Miss H Bell	— Committee Services Officer
	Mr R Carr	— Chief Executive
	Mrs D Broadbent-Clarke	— Director of Improvement and Corporate Services
	Mr M Coiffait	— Director of Community Services
	Mrs S Harrison	— Director of Children's Services
	Mr J Longhurst	— Director of Regeneration and Business
	Ms M Peaston	— Committee Services Manager
	Mr Q Baker	— Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (Interim)
	Mrs M Scott	— Director of Public Health
	Mr C Warboys	— Chief Finance Officer

C/15/81. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED**

**that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

C/15/82. **Members' Interests**

None were declared.

C/15/83. **Questions, Statements and Deputations**

No questions, statements and deputations were made.

C/15/84. **Petitions**

No petitions were received.

C/15/85. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

The Chairman explained that changes had been made to the agenda which had been re published on the web site. The changes included the insertion of an electronic link to the minutes and draft policies of the Licensing Committee and the report at item 10 which was a report of the report of the Leader, summarising an urgent decision taken by the Director in accordance with the Constitution.

The Chairman reminded the Council that he was hosting an event at the Grove Theatre, Dunstable on 24 April 2016 called 'It takes two'.

C/15/86. **Leader of the Council's Announcements and Communications**

The Leader of the Council reported on:

- Plans for regeneration of a site in Houghton Regis which was supported by former England and Manchester United footballer, Rio Ferdinand.
- the Cranfield Master Plan which included the Cranfield air space project
- an overview of projects within Central Bedfordshire that were underway including Priory View, Dunstable, the M1/A1 link road, developments in Biggleswade and the East West Rail project
- discussions on devolution which were on going with neighbouring authorities.

C/15/87. **Executive Member Presentations**

Councillor Dixon, Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Resources reported on the work within Assets, including:

- the success of the Ivel Centre, Biggleswade

- the various functions undertaken by facilities management
- the management of retail, libraries, industrial units, industrial land and corporate buildings throughout Central Bedfordshire
- recent asset sales
- the roll out of the Smarter Working Programme.

Councillor Dixon responded to questions.

Councillor Young, Executive Member for Regeneration reported on work within his portfolio area including:

- work on the Local Plans
- the Growth Options Strategy
- Gypsy and Traveller accommodation assessments
- The Local Transport Plan
- viability appraisals.

Councillor Young responded to questions.

C/15/88.

### **Recommendations from the Licensing Committee**

#### **(i) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policies and Conditions**

The Council considered recommendations from the Licensing Committee concerning Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policies and Conditions.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. that the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy be adopted; and**
- 2. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, be given delegated authority to make any necessary minor amendments to the policy to publication.**

#### **(ii) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Conditions**

The Council considered a recommendation from the Licensing Committee concerning Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Conditions.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. that the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Conditions be adopted: and**

2. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, be given delegated authority to make any necessary minor amendments to the conditions prior to publication.

**(iii) Criminal Conviction Policy**

The Council considered a recommendation from the Licensing Committee concerning the Criminal Conviction Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire matters.

**RESOLVED**

1. that the Criminal Conviction Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire matters be adopted: and
2. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, be given delegated authority to make any necessary minor amendments to the policy prior to the publication.

**(iv) Code of Good Conduct for Licensed Drivers**

The Council considered a report of the Licensing Committee seeking adoption of a Code of Good Conduct for licensed drivers for Central Bedfordshire Council.

**RESOLVED**

3. that the Code of Conduct for licensed drovers be adopted; and
4. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, be given delegated authority to make any necessary minor amendments to the code prior to publication.

**(v) Hackney Carriage Bye laws**

The Council considered a report of the Licensing Committee concerning Hackney Carriage byelaws for Central Bedfordshire Council.

**RESOLVED**

**that the Hackney Carriage byelaws be adopted.**

**(vi) Review of Hackney Carriage Conditions**

The Council received and considered a report of the Licensing Committee concerning Hackney Carriage Conditions for Central Bedfordshire Council.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. that the Hackney Carriage Conditions be adopted; and**
- 2. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, be given delegated authority to make any necessary minor amendments to the conditions prior to publication.**

**(vii) Private Hire Vehicle Conditions**

The Council considered a report of the Licensing Committee concerning Private Hire Vehicle Conditions for Central Bedfordshire Council.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. that the Private Hire Vehicle Conditions be adopted; and**
- 2. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultations with the Executive for Community Services, be given delegated authority to make any necessary minor amendments to the conditions prior to publication.**

**(viii) Private Hire (Special Event) Vehicle Conditions**

The Council received and considered recommendation concerning the Private Hire (Special Event) Vehicle Conditions for Central Bedfordshire Council.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. that the Private Hire (Special Event) Vehicle Conditions be adopted: and**
- 2. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, be given delegated authority to make any necessary minor amendments to the conditions prior to publication.**

**(ix) Conditions attached to a Private Hire Operator Licences**

The Council considered recommendations of the Licensing Committee concerning the conditions attached to Private Hire Operator licences for Central Bedfordshire.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. that the conditions attached to Private Hire Operators licences be adopted; and**
- 2. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, be given delegated authority to make any necessary minor amendments to the conditions prior to publication.**

**(x) National inspection Standards for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles**

The Council considered recommendations of the Licensing Committee on the National Inspection Standards for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles for Central Bedfordshire Council.

**RESOLVED**

**that the National Inspection Standards be adopted for the testing of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles licensed by Central Bedfordshire.**

**C/15/89. Purchase of Multi Functional Devices (Printing)**

The Council received a report of the Leader of the Council advising of an urgent decision that had been taken to purchase replacement print machines.

**RESOLVED**

**that the urgent decision taken by the Director of Improvement Services and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Corporate Resources to award the new contract for print services to Ricoh, be noted.**

**C/15/90. Motions (if any)**

No motions were received.

**C/15/91. Written Questions**

No written questions were received.

C/15/92. **Open Questions**

The Chairman invited the Minority Group Leaders to ask a question each prior to consideration of questions that had been placed in the Open Questions receptacle.

1. Councillor Zerny asked a question about the financial position of the Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group for the year ending 2015/16.

The Executive Member for Health advised of the financial position of the Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

2. Councillor Zerny referred to a question that he had asked at a previous Council meeting and asked for clarity as to when he would receive an answer.

The Executive Member for Regeneration undertook to provide a written answer.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and concluded at 7.15 p.m.)

Chairman .....

Dated .....

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