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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

12 January 2012

Dear Councillor

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL - Thursday 19 January 2012

Further to the agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached recommendations, which were marked 'to follow', and a Notice of Motion, for consideration under the items listed below:-

8. Recommendations from the Executive

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 10 January 2012 and answer questions asked under Rule 12.1:

(a) Treasury Management Strategy (including the Treasury Management Policy)

(b) Metal Theft Prevention

12. Motions

To consider motions by Members of the Council under Rule No. 16 in the order received.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Democratic Services on Tel: 0300 300 4032.

Yours sincerely

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COUNCIL MEETING – 19 JANUARY 2012

Recommendations to Council from the Executive meeting held on 10 January 2012

E/11/114 **Treasury Management Strategy**

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader/Executive Member for Corporate Resources that provided a summary of the proposed changes to the Treasury Management Policy and the Treasury Management Strategy. Due to the greater risk and uncertainty in investment markets CIPFA had revised both the Treasury Management Code of Practice and the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities in November 2011.

The Executive Member tabled an amendment to Appendix B, the Treasury Management Strategy 2011-2016.

Members noted that there would be a new financing system for the Housing Revenue Account whereby the Government would be transferring an allocation of the national debt liability to the Council. The Council would then be able to keep all of the rental income from its own housing stock.

Reason for decision: To put an effective treasury management framework in place for the Council.

RECOMMENDED

to Council that the Treasury Management Policy and the Treasury Management Strategy be approved, as amended.

[The report can be found on the Council's web site via the following link:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=577&MId=3720&Ver=4>]

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Recommendations to Council from the Executive meeting held on 10 January 2012

E/11/117 Metal Theft Prevention

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Services that informed Members of the Private Members Bill coming before Parliament in January 2012 and sought Members support for changes in legislation relating to Scrap Metal Dealers registration.

The Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services moved the following additional recommendation, which was duly seconded:-

“recommend to Council that the Local Government Association be asked to develop a national scheme for the licensing of scrap metal dealers to which Central Bedfordshire Council, among others, could subscribe.”

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to introduce a licensing scheme for scrap metal dealers to help reduce the increase in metal thefts being undertaken by giving public bodies increased powers to take action against scrap metal dealers handling any stolen metal.

RESOLVED

- 1. to support the contents of the Private Members Metal Theft (Prevention) Bill introduced by Graham Jones MP;**
- 2. to request that the Leader of Central Bedfordshire Council contacts local MP's and ask that they support this bill at it's second reading in the House of Commons on 20 January 2012; and**
- 3. that if national action is not forthcoming on this issue Central Bedfordshire Council should explore the introduction of a local licensing scheme with as many neighbouring authorities as were willing.**

RECOMMENDED

to Council that the Local Government Association be asked to develop a national scheme for the licensing of scrap metal dealers to which Central Bedfordshire Council, among others, could subscribe.

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Agenda Item No. 12 - Motions

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Mark Versallion under Council Procedure Rule No. 16:

“This Council, with unanimous support across all parties and independent Members, expresses its deep concern at the very low level of per pupil funding received by Central Bedfordshire schools.

In support of the efforts already made by the Executive Member for Children’s Services to redress this inequity, this Council requests both the Leader and Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Education seeking an urgent review of Central Bedfordshire’s schools funding.”

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