

**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE SHADOW COUNCIL**

17 April 2008

Dear Councillor

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE SHADOW COUNCIL - Thursday 10 April 2008

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following supplementary report(s).

Agenda Item	Description
8.	<p>CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL - PROPOSED GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>To invite the Council to approve the draft Constitution and make appointments to various Committees required for the new Shadow Authority.</p> <p>(Report of the Proper Officer of Mid Bedfordshire District Council attached - pages 8.1 to 8.8)</p>

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Democratic Services on Tel: 01462 611033

Yours sincerely

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**NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE SEATS,
CHAIRMANSHIPS/VICE-CHAIRMANSHIPS 2008/09**

1. The political balance of the Council (with %s in brackets) is set out below:-

Conservative	Independent	Labour	Liberal Democrat
89	4	5	25 (*)
71.77%	3.23%	4.03%	20.16%

Note: * 1 vacancy exists on Mid Beds District Council which has been treated as still being filled by the Liberal Democrat Group pending the by-election on 1 May 2008.

1 Member has not indicated an intention to belong to a political group.

2. The size of committees and the allocation of seats to Groups in accordance with the proportionality rules is set out below:-

Body	Total Seats	C	LD	Labour	Independent
Scrutiny Committee	12	9	2	1	0
General Purposes	9	6	2	0	1
Appointments	4	3	1	0	0

For Scrutiny Committee each Council has 4 seats. For General Purposes Committee each Council has 3 seats.

The report at Agenda Item No. 8 originally indicated that 1 Labour or Independent seat was available on each of the Scrutiny and General Purposes Committees. However given that the Independent Group now comprises 4 rather than 5 Members and the Labour Group comprises 5 Members, the seat on the Scrutiny Committee should be allocated to the Labour Group with the seat on the General Purposes Committee being allocated to the Independent Group.

The Standards Committee is not subject to the rules on political proportionality.

3. The following documents are attached:-

Appendix A Nominations of the Groups for places on committees.

Appendix B Nominations received to date for Chairmanships/Vice-Chairmanships of committees.

4. The election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee will be dealt with at the first meeting of that Committee and one of the independent persons on the Committee should be elected to the office of Chairman.
5. The election of the Chairman of the Appointments and Appeals Committee will be dealt with at the first meeting of that Committee.
6. For Members' information notification has been received of the appointment of the following Group Leaders upon the Shadow Authority:-

Conservative Group Cllr Mrs P E Turner MBE

Independent Group Cllr J A Gurney

Labour Group Cllr D Ross

Liberal Democrat Group Cllr P A Blaine

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Nominations for Membership of Committees

**Scrutiny Committee
(12 Members)**

Members:	BCC	R G Baker BEM R A Baker R Goodwin G Summerfield
	MBDC	N Aldis A R Bastable L Birt H J Lockey
	SBDC	A Fahn D Hogan J Kane P Staples

**General Purposes
(9 Members)**

Members:	BCC	S Goodchild R W Johnstone D J Lawrence
	MBDC	J R Davison J A Gurney J G Lawrence
	SBDC	D Bowater T Green L Ledster

**Appointments/Appeals Committee
(4 Members)**

Members:	BCC	R Stay
	MBDC	P E Turner (or nominee)
	SBDC	P Penman (or nominee)
	Liberal Democrat:	P A Blaine

**Standards Committee
(19 Members)**

Members:	BCC	Ind	K Frazer
		Ind	R Masters
		Ind	J Williams
		Elected	J Fairbairn
		Elected	R V King
		Elected	A A J Rogers
	MDBC	Ind	J Dann
		Ind	B Heley
		Ind	D Maggs
		Elected	N Aldis
		Elected	P B Carne
		Elected	J H Lewis
		Elected	J Street
	SBDC	Ind	K Ford
		Ind	J Hockey *
		Ind	M Jones
		Elected	R Bird
		Elected	D Hogan
		Elected	P Rawcliffe

* Subject to ratification of the appointment of Mrs Hockey by South Bedfordshire District Council at its meeting to be held on 15 April 2008.

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Nominations for Chairmanship/Vice-Chairmanship of Committees

Scrutiny Committee

Chairman	P Staples
Vice-Chairman	A R Bastable

General Purposes Committee

Chairman	J G Lawrence
Vice-Chairman	T Green

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