Central Bedfordshire Council Priory House Monks Walk Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ



# TO EACH MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE

14 August 2009

**Dear Councillor** 

#### EXECUTIVE - Tuesday 18 August 2009

Following the Chairman's Briefing for the above meeting held on 12 August 2009, Members were advised as follows:-

#### 8. Budget Management Report 2009/10 as at 30 June 2009

Please find attached a briefing note from the Leader of the Council to set this first budget monitoring report into context.

Also attached is a revised Appendix A (page 32 of the agenda) 'Summary of Revenue Position'.

#### 10. Luton Dunstable Busway

Amend Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities to read Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development.

Amend wards affected to include South East Bedfordshire.

Recommendation 2 has been revised to include the Director of Corporate Resources and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources as follows:

2. delegate to the Directors of Sustainable Communities and Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Sustainable Development, Economic Growth and Regeneration and Corporate Resources, the authority to seek to limit the impact on Central Bedfordshire Council through the reallocation of Growth Area Funding for 2009/10 to underwrite this funding. Attached is an Appendix to the report which responds to the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee request for clarification.

#### 11. Historic Building Grant Aid Scheme for Central Bedfordshire

To replace the Financial Implications with:

Central Bedfordshire Council's approved capital programme (26 February 2009) provides for funding for this scheme at the rate of £88,900 for 2009/10; £40,000 in 2010/11; £40,000 in 2011/12; £40,000 in 2012/13. The approved capital programme is to be fully reviewed in time for the 2010/11 financial year.

#### 13. Strategy for Managing Highways Lighting

Amend Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities to read Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities.

Attached is further information relating to Risk Management Implications responding to Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee request for clarification.

#### 17. Forward Plan

Attached is the Forward Plan which covers the period from 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010.

# 18. Rushmere Park - acquisition of land in partnership with the Greensand Trust

Please note that recommendation 1 a. should refer to paragraph 7.2.2 in the report and not 7.2.1. In the reason for recommendation it refers to paragraphs 9.1.2 and 9.1.3 in the report, this should refer to paragraphs 7.21 and 7.2.2.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Sandra Hobbs, Democratic Services Officer on Tel: 0300 300 5257.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Hobbs Democratic Services Officer email: <u>sandra.hobbs@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</u>

#### Executive - 18 August 2009

#### Agenda Item 8 – Budget Management Report 2009/10, as at 30 June 2009

This report sets out the first monitoring report of Central Bedfordshire's first budget, which was agreed in February 2009, and was based on the best estimates and forecasts at the time. Our proposals met with Central government approval.

The birth of this brand new unitary council required considerable dependence on inherited information and an understanding of the level of service provided by the legacy authorities.

Our absolute priority was the need to ensure that our local residents, including the most vulnerable in our community, continued to receive the expected service levels during the transition period. This was achieved. We had the additional complication of a division of services between ourselves and Bedford Borough.

We now face a very different national situation which is putting increasing pressure on public services across the country with the government making last minute legislation. The economic downturn with the increased demand to support our communities is matched with cuts in Government funding to local councils.

Our Finance officers have now completed their work on the closure of accounts for the three predecessor authorities and we are now able to have a more accurate picture of our financial position. We forecast some surprises and we have not been disappointed.

On the plus side it appears the council's opening General Fund Balance will be marginally above the budget forecast in February (forecast £14.96m).

The same budget did highlight a number of risks, for example adult social care and school transport. A number of areas of concern are contained within the report and many of these challenges are not unexpected. This is certainly not just a local problem but one most local authorities are facing whilst in the absence of our particular circumstances of being a very new authority with all the additional set up that is entailed.

However, in addressing this report we need to look forward, put in place our own local solutions, and where there are difficult choices to make we must look at options rather than imposing solutions.

We must not forget that Central Bedfordshire will provide excellent public services at affordable prices.

I believe we should have a regular monthly item on our Executive agenda giving updated forecasts of both overspend and underspend in all directorates. We also need the final position of the Transition budget once further work has been done, as indicated in paragraph 4.12 in the report.

Cllr Mrs Tricia Turner Leader of the Council & Chair of the Executive Summary of Revenue Position

Director	Latest Annual Budget	Profiled Budget to date	Actual to date	Variance	Adjusted Forecast Outturn	Forecast Variance	Non Discretio nary Carry Forwards /provisio ns	Revised Forecast Variance	Proposed Transfer to/from reserves	Forecast Variance after proposed new reserves.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Chief Executive	309	77	614	537	309	0		0		0
Business Transformation	6,430	1,607	1,569	86-	6,523	66		86	16-	3
Children, Families & Schools (excluding schools)	37,961	9,490	8,738	-752	39,984	2,023		2,023		2,023
SCH&H	46,651	11,663	14,443	2,780	51,043	4,392		4,392		4,392
Sustainable Communities	39,355	9,839	10,520	681	39,988	633		633		633
Corporate Resources	19,827	4,957	7,418	2,461	20,658	831		831		831
Corporate Costs	14,586	3,647	2,207	-1,440	14,584	-2		-2		- <sup>7</sup>
Transitional Costs	4,600	1,150	3,824	2,674	4,600	0		0		0
TOTAL Excluding Schools	169,719	42,430	49,333	6,903	177,689	7,970	0	7,970	-91	7,879
Schools only	924	231	-106	-337	924	0		0		0
Total	170,643	42,661	49,227	6,566	178,613	7,970	0	7,970	-91	7,879

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#### Appendix 1 - Luton Dunstable Busway - Executive of 18 August 2009

## Response to concerns expressed by Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SCOSC) on 4 August 2009.

1. *"It was unclear to what extent there would be a saving if it was agreed to advance fund the Busway."* 

#### Background

- 2. At a meeting of the LDB Project Board in September last year (when the CC were partnering Luton) a decision was taken to review the procurement strategy for the Busway, this followed advice from a Quantity Surveyor (QS) who had been working on the Cambridge Busway Scheme, along with contractual difficulties and rising costs experienced by both Luton, in the delivery of the East Luton Corridor scheme, and the County Council in the delivery of the Ridgmont Bypass.
- 3. This review included in depth discussions with the DfT about ways to minimise risk for both the Councils and the eventual Contractor, thus leading to greater certainty of cost at tender stage. This review ultimately confirmed we had adopted the most appropriate strategy to suit our circumstances (risk averse maximising appropriate risk transfer to contractor). This review took 6 months and delayed the issue of the tender documents which in turn results in a tender return of 23 September and anticipated award of contract in February 2010, which results in difficulties with achieving site clearance before the bird breeding season begins. This also creates issues for dealing with the slow worms (move this year or next?).

#### **Response to SCOSC**

- 4. There are two issues to consider "Risk mitigation" and "Cost increase"
- 5. Risk mitigation:

The Region (where Government funding is assigned) have advised that we need to maximise our expenditure on the contract for 2009/10, this is to ensure that funding provisionally allocated to the scheme is used this year. Failure to take advantage of this could result in reduced funding and potentially put the scheme at risk or expose the Councils to greater expense.

Clearing the site of vegetation during the current financial year has a 2 significant advantages:

1) it maximises expenditure during the current year, thereby reducing the risk of losing funds

- 2) it allow the contractors to start physical works earlier than would otherwise be the case, a direct programme saving of around 8 months. Should the 3 month site clearance activity not take place until September then a further 4 months could be lost waiting for the start of the next earthworks season in March, making the potential total groundworks programme delay up to 12 months in total. Whilst the Contractor will be able to get on with other work during this time, a great deal of flexibility will be taken out of the programme with associated increased risk
- 6. Costs:

There are two areas related to costs, firstly the cost of advanced funding the site clearance and secondly the cost of the scheme.

- 1) Advanced funding site clearance: While this would improve the cost profile for 2009/10 and reduce risks associated with overall scheme funding it does bring a risk if for some reason the scheme should not go forward. Whilst a decision is required now, when there is less certainty and consequently higher risk, the decision point for the actual assigning of funds would be at a point of much greater certainty in terms of having undertaken assessment of tenders, the scheme having come back to Members for approval to proceed and knowledge of whether or not the scheme is likely to receive Full Approval. All these factors will significantly reduce the Councils' exposure to risk of the funds not being able to be reclaimed. The cost of this work would be recovered within the first claim to DfT, this is likely to be the end of April, with payment expected from DfT the first week in June.
- 2) Cost of the Scheme: Should the contactor not be able to carry out site clearance early in 2009/10, as described above, there will be a substantial delay to the works programme, leading to increased tender submission costs. Whilst it is not possible for Officers to advise the likely quantum of this difference, it is likely to be substantially higher than the £75 - £180k required for site clearance.

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# Strategy for Managing Highways Lighting – replacement information for Risk Management Implications

#### **Risk Management**

The Authority has a duty of care and should ensure new lighting is provided in compliance with BS5489 (EN13201-1) whilst ensuring that existing lighting is maintained according with our duties under the Section 41 of the Highways Act.

#### Background/History:

CBC has approximately 21,000 street lighting columns, with ages ranging from 1 to 40+ years. Industry best practice as advised by the Institution of Lighting Engineers, 2007 publication: Technical Report 22, Managing a Vital Asset: Lighting Supports, gives a generally expected design life of 25 years for a street lighting column, after which the risk of structural failure increases significantly along with risk of accidental injury to the public. It is recommended practice that a maintenance programme should be based upon replacement of columns of 25 years old, and that this is informed by structural testing to identify those columns with greater or lower life expectancy than the average to ensure all replacements are fully targeted to maximise the used of resources.

Historically, under investment in the replacement of structurally unsound lighting columns has been a national problem, with structural failure experienced by many highway authorities, unfortunately resulting in both serious injury and loss of life. In Central Bedfordshire, due to a previous under investment by BCC structural testing had not been undertaken until 2007 when 3,000 columns were tested, resulting on safety grounds in the immediate removal of 50 columns.

#### Current situation:

CBC is presently undertaking a programme of structural testing to confirm the 2009/10 programme, this will be continued in future years to inform the column replacement programme. Testing is based upon both operational risk and strategic risk where testing is targeted using the asset register and visual assessment. Risk assessment and prioritisation are based upon the average column life expectancies, site conditions, carriageway classification, vehicular speed, pedestrian density, effect of failure and probability of accident or injury given in the ILE publication (Chapter 14), which is derived from ongoing governmental and industry testing. Tested columns are rated, with the classifications :

High – Column identified should be removed immediately or programmed for replacement within a safe time (less than 12 weeks) so as not to endanger the highway user.

Medium To High Risk – Column identified should be programmed for remedial works. E.g. works within 24 weeks.

Medium To Low Risk – Column indentified should be monitored and reinspected within 18 month period or re-categorised.

Acceptable Risk – Column indentified should be reassessed as part of routine maintenance strategy programme. E.g. 3 years time.

Where immediate action is required, columns are taken down to remove any potential risk to the public.

The proposals are fully funded in the 2009/10 budget and provisionally funded with a priority 4 rating in for the next three years capital allocation.

Previous budget allocation allowed for only 41% of the columns requiring replacement per annum to be replaced. From April 2009, additional CBC funding over the four year period until 2013 will ensure that the Authority is able to bring its street lighting stock into line with the required standards, whilst managing the risk to the public. Future continuation of the level of funding of £520K per annum (2009 prices) will ensure the stock is maintained at a level that meets nationally accepted standards in the future.

Knowingly failing to follow nationally accepted street lighting column replacement procedures would result in a higher than acceptable level of risk to the both the public and the Authority. In the worst case of a fatal accident this could expose both members and officers to corporate manslaughter charges.

The programme of replacement of structurally unsound lighting columns is used as an opportunity to upgrade not only the structural condition but also energy efficiency providing a saving on future revenue budgets.

As a integral part of and to enable implementation of the Strategy for Managing Highway Lighting, CBC will complete the development and adoption of the CBC maintenance plan for highway lighting, detailing clear and unambiguous polices for deciding what appropriate action is and when it should carried out.

Follow a targeted programme of column replacement based upon operation and strategic risk assessment using structural testing and lighting performance in accordance with recognised industry best practice.

#### Central Bedfordshire Council Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010

- 1) During the period from **1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010**, Central Bedfordshire Council plans to make key decisions on the issues set out below. "Key decisions" relate to those decisions of the Executive which are likely:
  - to result in the incurring of expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant (namely £200,000 or above per annum) having regard to the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
  - to be significant in terms of their effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the area of Central Bedfordshire.
- 2) The Forward Plan is a general guide to the key decisions to be determined by the Executive and will be updated on a monthly basis. Key decisions will be taken by the Executive as a whole. The Members of the Executive are:

Member	Portfolio
Cllr Mrs Tricia Turner MBE	Chairman of the Executive and Leader of the Council
Cllr Richard Stay	Vice-Chairman of the Executive and Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation
Cllr Mrs Rita Drinkwater	Portfolio Holder for Housing
Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley	Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation
Cllr Maurice Jones	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources
Cllr Mrs Anita Lewis	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
Cllr Steve Male	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation
Cllr Ken Matthews	Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Regeneration
Cllr David McVicar	Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities
Cllr Tom Nicols	Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development & Portfolio Champion for Business
	Transformation

- Those items identified for decision more than one month in advance may change in forthcoming Plans. Each new Plan supersedes the 3) previous Plan. Any person who wishes to make representations to the Executive about the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made should do so to the officer whose telephone number and e-mail address are shown in the Forward Plan. Any correspondence should be sent to the contact officer at the relevant address as shown below. General guestions about the Plan such as specific dates, should be addressed to the Head of Democratic Services, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ.
- The agendas for meetings of the Executive will be published as follows: 4)

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Meeting Date	Publication of Agenda
12 May 2009	01 May 2009
23 June 2009	15 June 2009
21 July 2009	13 July 2009
18 August 2009	10 August 2009
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8 December 2009	30 November 2009
12 January 2010	4 January 2010
9 February 2010	1 February 2010
9 March 2010	1 March 2010
6 April 2010	25 March 2010

### **Central Bedfordshire Council**

#### Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010

#### **Key Decisions**

Date of Publication: 7 August 2009

1.	Property					
	Acquisitions and Disposals Monitoring -	Standing item for key decisions and quarterly basis monitoring and reporting of all property transactions	15 September 2009	Items will have been reviewed and assessed by the CBC Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG).	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
2.	Rationalisation of Supported Bus Services -	Officers estimate an overspend on the supported public transport budget. This paper sets out the strategy for remaining within budget. The Executive to give a steer on which strategy they wish to adopt.	15 September 2009	Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1 September 2009	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways basil.jackson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6171

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3.	Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2009 - 2010 -	That the Executive endorse the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan and recommends the adoption of the Plan to Council.	15 September 2009	Consultation has already taken place with children and young people. Further stakeholder consultation was undertaken in May, June and July though a variety of mechanisms such as workshops, information published on our website and meetings with key partners.	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0845 849 6092
4.	Customer Services Strategy -	That the Executive agree the strategy which sets out Central Bedfordshire Council's ambitions for delivering joined up responsive solutions for its customers and those of its partners.	15 September 2009		Report	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Assistant Director Business Transformation & Customer Services clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168

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5.	BEaR Project - Private Finance Initiative Credits -	To review the funding profile of the Bedfordshire Energy and Recycling Project to deliver a sustainable waste management solution for the council and to approve a funding strategy that optimises the level of Private Finance Initiative credits awarded to reduce the cost of the project to the council.	15 September 2009	A special meeting of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held to consider the item with an invitation to all Members of the Council to attend.	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Alan Fleming, Project Director, Sustainable Communities alan.fleming@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228608
6.	Property Services Review -	To report on the process for reviewing future delivery of property services for CBC.	15 September 2009	CAMG All Service Areas Stakeholders	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 19/08/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105

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7.	Specialist Provision for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders at Holmemead Middle School, Biggleswade -	To note the update on setting up a Specialist Provision for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders at Homemead Middle School, Biggleswade. This item will also include an update on further progress of the SEN Special Needs Review.	15 September 2009	Statutory Consultees - consultation carried out in April/May 2009 and Statutory Notices published June 2009.	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276226
8.	Playbuilder Programme -	To approve the proposal to appoint the contractor to build DCSF funded play spaces.	15 September 2009	CBC Play Partnership (Portfolio Holder is Chairman) Town and Parish Councils Play England	Playbuilder Project Plan	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 4239
).	Award of the decent homes (kitchen / bathroom refurbishment) contract -	To approve the awarding of the contract to Housing properties district wide	15 September 2009	Assistant Director Housing Services	Report	Cllr Mrs Rita J Drinkwater Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Christian Carlisle, Head of Housing Asset Management christian.carlisle@centralbedfordshire.go v.uk Tel: 0300 300 3348

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10.	Award of the Building cleaning contract to Housing General needs and Sheltered Housing properties -	To award the building contract to Housing General needs, Sheltered Housing properties and travellers sites within Central Bedfordshire.	15 September 2009	Assistant Director Housing Services	Report	Cllr Mrs Rita J Drinkwater Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Basil Quinn, Housing Asset Manager Performance basil.quinn@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5118
11.	Members Acceptable Use Policy -	To approve the Policy governing use by Members of CBC provided ICT equipment.	15 September 2009		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Caroline Carruthers, Assistant Director Property & ICT caroline.carruthers@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 8000
12.	Electricity and Gas Supply Contracts -	To approve the use of Central Buying Consortium's "Flexible Framework" to renew the ex-County Council energy contracts and incorporate ex-district properties as appropriate.	15 September 2009	Central Bedfordshire Property & Asset Management Group	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Robert Gregan, Head of Procurement robert.gregan@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 01234 276570

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13.	Procurement Strategy -	To approve the Council's Corporate Procurement Strategy which is a requirement of the National Procurement Strategy published by CLG.	15 September 2009	RIEP	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Robert Gregan, Head of Procurement robert.gregan@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 01234 276570
14.	Provision of Accommodation for Adults with Learning Disability -	To approve the spending of capital monies in respect of providing accommodation for adults with a learning disability.	15 September 2009	Bedford Borough Council	Report	Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Julie Ogley, Director of Social Care, Health & Housing julie.ogley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611221
15.	Leighton Buzzard Station Travel Plan -	This report will seek approval of the Station Travel Plan for Leighton Buzzard. The Plan is intended to promote greater use of public transport, walking and cycling to the station.	15 September 2009	Passenger Surveys Stakeholders Members information workshop April 2009	Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: John Austin, Interim Head of Transport Strategy john.austin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228687

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16.	Provision of Breaks and Services to Carers -	To approve the joint delivery and spending plan between Central Bedfordshire Council and NHS Bedfordshire to provide breaks and services to carers.	13 October 2009	NHS Bedfordshire - 26 May Carers, statutory and Third Section Partners via consultation event held 13 July 2009	Joint Central Bedfordshire Council and NHS Delivery Plan	Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley Comments by 21/09/09 to Contact Officer: James Robinson-Morley, Lead Commissioner (Carers & Service User Engagement) james.robinsonmorley@centralbedfordsh ire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6681
17.	Dunstable Community Football Development Centre -	To approve the detailed business plan and agree to undertake a tendering process for building the football development centre.	13 October 2009	Dunstable Football Council Dunstable Football Club AFC Dunstable Football Club Brewers Hill Middle School The Football Association (These stakeholders are members of the project team who meet regularly) Sport England - statutory consultee CBC Ward Members Consultation with residents has been undertaken in 2008	Creasey Park Business Plan	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 4239

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18.	Leighton Linslade Community Football Development Centre -	to agree a way forward for developing the football development centre at Astral Park.	13 October 2009	Leighton Linslade Town Council Sport England	Report	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239
19.	Extension to Sandy Sport and Leisure Centre -	To approve an outline business case and to agree to appoint a consultant to lead a traditional project build process and undertake tendering process.	13 October 2009	Sandy Upper School Stevenage Leisure Limited (Leisure Management Contractor) CBC Ward Members	Extension to Sandy Sport and Leisure Centre Project Initiation Document	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239
20.	Local Transport Plan -	This report will set out the options for preparing the new Local Transport Plan (LTP3) for Central Bedfordshire and will ask Executive to agree the recommended approach.			Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: John Austin, Interim Head of Transport Strategy john.austin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228687

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21.	Review of Fees and Charges -	To review the Fees and Charges.	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254
22.	Review of Capital Programme -	To review the Capital Programme	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254
23.	The Central Bedfordshire Response to the Green Paper "Shaping the Future of Care Together" -	To provide a response.	13 October 2009	Public Consultation event tbc	"Shaping the Future of Care Together" www.dh.gov.uk/public ations	Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Patricia Coker patricia.coker@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5521

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24.	Community Engagement Strategy -	To approve the Strategy for Central Bedfordshire Council.	13 October 2009	Portfolio Holder (Business Transformation) LSP Partners	Report	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Ian Porter, Assistant Director Service Policy, Partnerships & Performance ian.porter@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276067
25.	Business Transformation Strategy -	To set out ambition, priorities and outcomes for the Council's Transformation over the next 5 years.	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Assistant Director Business Transformation & Customer Services clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168
26.	Commissioning Policy -	That the Executive endorses the principles of the Strategic Commissioning Framework to enable effective strategic commissioning alongside partners within the Children's Trust.	13 October 2009	Stakeholder and the Children's Trust	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk tel: 0300 300 5522

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27.	Medium Term Property Strategy Update -	To report on the progress of the implementation of the strategy.	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 13/10/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
28.	Award of the re- roofing contract to housing properties district wide -	To approve the awarding of the contract to housing properties district wide	13 October 2009	Assistant Director Housing Services	Report	Cllr Mrs Rita J Drinkwater Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Ian Johnson, Housing Asset Manager ian.johnson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5202
29.	Job Investment Capital Programme -	To approve the priorities for the use of capital to facilitate the key strategic employment sites identified across Central Bedfordshire to come forward and attract development investment.	13 October 2009	Items will have been reviewed by the Central Bedfordshire Council Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG).	Report	Cllr Ken C Matthews Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Jon Cliff, Special Projects Manager jon.cliff@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4373

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30.	Central Bedfordshire Town Centre Support Plan -	To approve the Council support mechanism for Central Bedfordshire's Town Centres and Town Centre Management arrangements across the whole area.	10 November 2009	Town Council's by mid july Key Town Centre Businesses questionnaire to be circulated	Report	Cllr Ken C Matthews Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Helen Shore, Head of Business Growth helen.shore@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276063
31.	East of England Plan Review to 2031 -	The Council response to a consultation byt he East of England Regional Assembly on the review of the Regional Spatial Strategy to 2031, including four potential scenarios for new development requirements.	10 November 2009	Stakeholders members of the public Sustainable Communities OSC	Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Interim Head of Development and Planning richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105

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32.	LDF Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD -	To consider this Development Plan Document (DPD) in advance of consideration by Council for formal adoption. This follows the recent Public Examination and Inspector's Report. Once adopted by Council this document will become a statutory part of the Development Plan and will replace existing Local Plan.	10 November 2009	This DPD has been subject to extensive consultation over the last 4 years. Also considered by Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee.	Report and final DPD for adoption	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Interim Head of Development and Planning richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105
33.	Planning Obligations Strategy SPD -	To adopt this revised Supplementary Planning Document, based on the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD. This document specifies a range of developer contributions and will be used in the Development Management process.	10 November 2009	Stakeholders, members of the public, Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Report and final SPD for adoption	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Interim Head of Development and Planning richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105

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34.	Developing Ultra Low Carbon Vehicle Technologies -	To approve the action plan to promote and develop the employment opportunities in the low carbon technology sector and promote the early adoption of ultra low carbon vehicles across the area as a response to climate change and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.	10 November 2009	LSP Carbon Reduction Working Group Key Stakeholders and Portfolio Members	Report	Cllr Ken C Matthews Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Liz Wade, Assistant Director Economic Growth and Regeneration liz.wade@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228972
35.	Luton-Dunstable Busway -	To receive the Tender Returns and recommendations to progress the scheme. To consider the tender returns for the main construction works for the Luton/Dunstable Busway and agree the engagement of contractor who will undertake the construction works.	10 November 2009	Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 27 October 2009.	Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: John Austin, Interim Head of Transport Strategy john.austin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228687

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36.	Property Acquisitions and Disposals Monitoring -	Standing item for key decisions and quarterly basis monitoring and reporting of all property transactions.	10 November 2009	Items will have been reviewed and assessed by the CBC Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG).	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
37.	Harmonisation of Waste Management Services -	To seek Members agreement to proposed changes to the provision of waste management services to achieve a common approach across Central Bedfordshire.	10 November 2009	Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 27 October 2009.	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Steve Whittaker, Contract Services Manager steve.whittaker@centralbedfordshire.gov .uk Tel: 0300 300 4344
38.	Lord Laming Action Plan -	To note and endorse the action plan which sets out Central Bedfordshire's position in relation to the recommendations set out in the Lord Laming report 'The Protection of Children in England: A progress report' and the Government's response to it.	10 November 2009	Stakeholders and the Local Safeguarding Children Board	Report and action plan 'The Protection of Children in England: A progress report' Lord Laming The Government response to the Lord Laming report.	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484

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39.	Annual Performance Report of Adult Social Care for 2008/09 -	To receive a report produced by the Care Quality Commission.	8 December 2009		Available on the Care Quality Commission website	Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Julie Ogley, Director of Social Care, Health & Housing julie.ogley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611221
40.	Statutory Consultation on Holmemead Middle School, Biggleswade -	To give final approval for setting up a Specialist Provision for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders at Holmemead Middle School, Biggleswade.	8 December 2009	Statutory Consultees - consultation carried out in April/May 2009 and Statutory Notices published June 2009.	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276226
41.	Approval of a Skills Strategy for Central Bedfordshire -	To approve the approach for Central Bedfordshire in influencing and shaping the all age skills agenda to meet local needs and strengthen the local workforce through the targeted use of skills investment.	8 December 2009	Key stakeholders in the transition of the Learning Skills Council including the Young People's Strategic Board and Skills Funding Agency, 16-19 arrangements, EEDA local business interests, Universities and Further Education Colleges.	Report	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk K Tel: 0300 300 4239 Liz Wade, Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration Liz.wade@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228972

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42.	Draft Budget Report -	To consider the draft budget report	8 December 2009		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 4254
43.	Eligibility for payments policy -	To agree the policy which will set out the principles under which services users within Children's Specialist Services may be eligible for payments.	8 December 2009		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
44.	Raising Achievement Policy -	To agree the policy which outlines how resources within the council will be targeted to improve provision in schools and early years settings and raise achievement especially that of children and young people in vulnerable circumstances.	8 December 2009		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Assistant Director Learning & Schools patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 6821

E Pa Pi In	Approval of Economic Participation Programme nvestment Strategy 2010/11	To approve the priorities and plan to spend the Economic Participation funds for 2010/11	8 December 2009	LSP and Thematic Partnership for Environment and Economy	Report and Draft	Clir Ken C Matthews
		provided by EEDA to support people into employment.			Investment Strategy	Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Sarah Hughes, Head of Regeneration and Skills sarah.hughes@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6166
U Pi C	Development of a Uniformed Presence for Central Bedfordshire -	To consider the options available for Central Bedfordshire to undertake enforcement of a range of environmental and community safety legislation (including the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) and Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (CNEA)) and exploring the role that a uniformed team has in that respect.	12 January 2010	Relevant Portfolio Holders Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Jeanette Keyte, Community Safety Manager jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0845 849 6252

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47.	Children's Workforce Development Strategy -	To agree the strategy which sets out how Central Bedfordshire is going to develop the children's workforce locally to create a worldclass workforce.	12 January 2010	Stakeholders and the Children's Trust	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Assistant Director Learning & Schools patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.go v.uk tel: 0300 300 6821
48.	Local Development Framework: District Wide Design Guide for Central Bedfordshire -	To approve a new district-wide design guide. The guide will be used to provide clear design guidelines against which planning applications will be determined and is intended to significantly raise the quality of new development.	12 January 2010	Member workshop 10 September 2009 Formal Public Consultation October 2009 for 6 weeks Stakeholder Event October 2009	Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Fiona Webb, Team Leader, Conservation Project Design fiona.webb@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4405
49.	Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention Policy -	To agree the policy which outlines how resources will be used to improve the outcomes of all children, especially the most disadvantaged, by enabling, developing and supporting universal and targeted services, delivered by a range of partners.	12 January 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Glen Denham, Assistant Director Integrated Services 0-19 glen.denham@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 6125

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50.	Cultural Strategy -	To agree the strategy which encapsulates the vision for cultural entitlement for all citizens in Central Bedfordshire moving to a strategic commissioning and entitlement model and recognises the cross cutting nature of cultural entitlement.	12 January 2010		Report	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 3004239
51.	Revenue Budget -	Determination of the Revenue Budget for 2010/11.	9 February 2010		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254
52.	CCTV Service Options -	To consider options available to move to a common approach to the provision of a CCTV service within Central Bedfordshire.	9 February 2010	Portfolio Holder (Safer and Stronger Communities) Key Stakeholders	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 15/01/10 to Contact Officer: Jeanette Keyte, Community Safety Manager jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0845 849 6252

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53.	Flitwick Community Football Development Centre and Flitwick Leisure Centre Redevelopment -	To approve a detailed business case for football development, and an outline business case for the provision of the leisure centre. To award design and build contract for football development.	9 February 2010	Sport England Redborne Upper School Flitwick Eagles Football Club The Football Association Flitwick Town Council meeting with PFH on 16 July 2009 agreed current approach to citing the football facilities.	Report	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 10/01/10 to Contact Officer Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239
54.	Property Acquisitions and Disposals Monitoring -	Standing item for key decisions and quarterly basis monitoring and reporting of all property transactions.	9 February 2010	Items will have been reviewed and assessed by the CBC Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG)	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 13/01/10 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
55.	Adoption of Policy and Framework for Licensing -	To adopt the Policy and Framework for the Licensing Act 2003 (Alcohol, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment) and Gambling Act 2005 (Betting).	9 March 2010	Licensing Trade Three month period commencing September 2009, meetings, publication on website and in other media.	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Susan Childerhouse, Head of Public Protection (North) susan.childerhouse@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 01462 611394

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56.	Agreement of Statutory Regulatory Service Plans -	To agree the Plans for food law, health & safety and underage sales.	9 March 2010	tbc	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Susan Childerhouse, Head of Public Protection (North) susan.childerhouse@centralbedfordshire .gov.uk Tel: 01462 611394
57.	Agreement of Statutory Community Safety Plans -	To agree the Community Safety Plans and associated plans and strategies including domestic abuse, drugs and alcohol.	9 March 2010	Theamatic Partners Key Stakeholders Responsible Authorities	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Jeanette Keyte, Community Safety Manager jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0845 849 6252
58.	Contaminated Land Strategy -	To agree the risk rating for contaminated land sites in Central Bedfordshire and approve the strategy.	9 March 2010	tbc	Report and Strategy	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Susan Childerhouse, Head of Public Protection (North) susan.childerhouse@centralbedfordshire .gov.uk Tel: 01462 611394

To agree the strategy which will improve the lives of children and	9 March 2010		
young people by delivering high quality and innovative play opportunities and experiences across Central Bedfordshire.		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239
To agree the strategy which sets out how the Local Authorities and its partners intend to reduce child poverty by 2020. This includes 4 targets (relative low income, material deprivation, absolute poverty and persistent poverty). This includes a needs assessment to describe the characteristics of child and family within Central Bedfordshire and a joint child poverty strategy which will outline the steps and accountability for the Local Authority and partners.	9 March 2010	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 Glen Denham, Assistant Director Integrated Services 0-19 glen.denham@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6125

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61.	Transitions Policy -	To agree the policy which sets out how the Local Authority will work with children transferring from Children's Specialist Services either to service provision within Adult Social Care or to independent adult life to ensure that they are given the support necessary as they move into adulthood.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
62.	Safeguarding Policy -	To endorse the policy which sets out the statutory duties of the authority and how we will work with partner agencies locally to ensure that children are safe.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484

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63.	Child in Need Policy -	To agree the policy which sets out the eligibility criteria for services based on the levels of need of children and their families. It responds to the statutory duties to support children in need.	9 March 2010		None.	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
64.	Looked After Children and Young People Policy -	To agree the policy which responds to the statutory duties for the local authority in line with the Children Act 1989, the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 and the Leaving Care Act 2000.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
65.	Fostering Policy -	To agree the policy which sets out what as an authority we will do to ensure that children who become looked after are matched where possible to an in-house foster carer and how we will support fostering arrangements.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484

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66.	Adoption Policy -	To agree the policy which sets out our statutory duties in relation to adoption and how as an authority we will discharge those functions in relation to matching children to suitable prospective adopters and supporting those arrangements.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
67.	Private Fostering Policy -	To agree the policy which sets out how we will safeguard children who are in Private Fostering arrangements and how we will support these arrangements.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
68.	Children Missing Education Policy -	To agree the policy which sets out how the local authority will meet its statutory duties relating to the provision of education and to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Assistant Director Learning & Schools patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 6821

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# Central Bedfordshire Council Forward Plan of Decisions on Key Issues

The following table sets out the dates on which the Central Bedfordshire Council Forward Plan will be published in 2009/10:

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