



**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
EXECUTIVE**

11 September 2009

Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE - Tuesday 15 September 2009

Following the Chairman's Briefing for the above meeting held on 8 September 2009, Members were advised as follows:-

3. Minutes

Please find attached the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 18 August 2009 that were marked to follow on the main agenda.

8. Energy Contracts

The deletion of Recommendation 2 in the report to be replaced with two additional recommendations set out below:-

1. As on agenda.
2. That the Executive endorse the procurement of electricity on a green tariff only where there is no additional cost to the Authority.
3. That a further review of the use of UK Green Tariffs energy be undertaken as part of the current budget process.

**9. Central Bedfordshire Children's and Young Peoples Plan 2009
- 2010**

Please find attached the appendices to the report which were inadvertently not included on the main agenda.

10. Transforming Learning in Central Bedfordshire

Set out below is the criteria that has been historically used by Partnership for Schools to prioritise Local Authorities entering the national BSF programme, as outlined in a report to the Shadow Executive on 17 March 2009 on Buildings Schools for the Future, which has been used to prioritise the areas for the focus of 'Building Schools for the Future' in Central Bedfordshire as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report to this Executive meeting:

- The level of deprivation in the intake (based on the Tax Credit Indicator)
- Levels of underperformance
- Magnitude of condition issues in the school buildings
- Coherence within upper school pyramids.

11. Supported Local Bus Services - Budget Pressure 09/10

Recommendation 1 has been revised as follows:-

1. That the Executive be recommended to withdraw support from a selected number of poorer performing services in order to bring spending in line with the budget.
2. As on Agenda.

14. Leighton Buzzard Station Travel Plan

Further information in order to make the financial implications of the Leighton Buzzard Station Travel Plan clearer to the Executive, and also to provide an updated position on the Station Travel Plan, will be circulated in advance of the Executive meeting.

18. Forward Plan

Please find attached the Forward Plan which covers the period from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010 that was marked to follow on the main agenda.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Devina Lester, Senior Democratic Services Officer on Tel: 01234 228857.

Yours sincerely

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** held in the Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Tuesday, 18 August 2009.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs P E Turner MBE (Chairman)
Cllr R Stay (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs Mrs R J Drinkwater
Mrs C Hegley
M R Jones
Mrs A M Lewis

Cllrs S F Male
K C Matthews
T Nicols

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs D McVicar
B Wells

Members in Attendance: Cllrs P N Aldis
R A Baker
A R Bastable
D Bowater
Mrs C F Chapman MBE
Dr R Egan
A Fahn
Mrs R B Gammons

Cllrs M Gibson
Mrs S Goodchild
Ms A M W Graham
J G Jamieson
P Snelling
J Street
Mrs C Turner
P Williams

E/09/33 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that she was going to take Agenda Item 13 – Strategy for Managing Highways Lighting after Agenda Item 6 – Public Participation.

E/09/34 **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2009 were confirmed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillors Dr R Egan, D Jones, D Lawrence, J Street and C Turner as present at the meeting.

E/09/35 **Members' Interests**

(a) **Personal Interests:-**

None.

(b) **Personal and Prejudicial Interests:-**

None.

E/09/36

Petitions

In accordance with the Scheme of Public Participation set out in Annex 2 of Part 4 of the Constitution the Executive received 2 petitions relating to road traffic regulation orders or other highway matters.

In order that due consideration could be given to each petition, the Executive agreed that the petitions should be referred for more detailed deliberation to future public meetings of the Safer and Stronger Communities Portfolio Holder where the lead petitioners would be invited to attend and have a right to speak.

RESOLVED:

That the following petitions be referred for detailed consideration to future public meetings of the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities:

- 1. Road traffic and congestion on Heath Road and Heath Park Road, Leighton Buzzard – petition received from the residents in homes served by Heath Park Road asking that double yellow lines be applied without delay on both sides of Heath Park Road at its approach and junction with Heath Road from Green Gables.**
- 2. Introduction of re-surfacing at Boughton End, Lidlington – petition received from the residents of Boughton End, Lidlington regarding the state of the road asking for the whole road to be re-surfaced.**

E/09/37

Public Participation

In accordance with the Scheme of Public Participation the Executive received the following question from Mr Maurice Blackman from Leighton Buzzard:

Question – Can the appropriate Portfolio Holder explain the delay in replacing the lockers at Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre?

Responding to the question Councillor Stephen Male, Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills acknowledged that the lockers had been an issue over the last year or so at the Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre. However, maintenance issues with the lockers had increased earlier in the year, primarily due to approaching lifecycle end and the consequential difficulties in procuring replacement parts. In April, Leisure Connection requested that new lockers be procured and in the meantime endeavoured to maintain as many functional lockers as possible. This had proved problematic with parts lead times of up to 12 weeks. However, new lockers were being sourced and would be replaced and this was expected to take place within the next month.

E/09/38

Strategy for Managing Highways Lighting

The Executive considered a report from Councillor David McVicar, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities seeking approval to a proposed strategy for the provision, maintenance and renewal of street lighting with the aim of:

- saving on energy costs.
- Reducing the cost of capital renewals by adopting new local street lighting standards aimed at reducing the luminance levels, and therefore the number of lighting columns where it was safe to do so.
- applying similar lighting standards to new developments through the planning approvals process to reduce future energy, maintenance and renewal liabilities
- reducing energy consumption to meet the Council's Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC)

The Executive noted that the proposed strategy would be piloted at two sites, one in Flitwick and one in Dunstable with works programmed to be completed by November. Customer and operational feedback from the pilot areas would be reported to the Executive in January 2010 before a final decision on whether to adopt use of LED lanterns as the preferred option for all highway lighting was taken.

Members noted that the Strategy had been endorsed by the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 4 August 2009 subject to the following conditions:

- that all new developments in Central Bedfordshire should be constructed with new LED lanterns.
- that in accordance with the proposed strategy local consultation should be undertaken with local communities to inform the application of the various approaches set out in the strategy.
- in principal the sooner LED lighting could be implemented throughout Central Bedfordshire the better.

During the general discussion that followed Members commended the proposed strategy and its benefits. Should the trials be successful it was hoped that the strategy would be rolled out across the whole of Central Bedfordshire.

Reason for decision: So that best value may be obtained from the highways capital allocation for street lighting.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed strategy for the provision, maintenance and renewal of street lighting, as detailed in the submitted report, be approved.

E/09/39

Recovery and Improvement Programme for Adult Social Care

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Carole Hegley, Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health proposing a draft Recovery and Improvement Programme approach and Governance arrangements to secure the delivery of adult social care services within Central Bedfordshire. Members were advised that the draft programme would need to be discussed and agreed with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and may be amended following the national reporting by CQC in November of adult social care performance for 2008/09.

Councillor Mrs Hegley proposing the draft Recovery and Improvement Programme approach and Governance arrangements referred to the establishment of a Members' Reference Group to oversee and monitor the delivery of the Programme, recommended that this Group should meet monthly, not bi-monthly as referred to in the report. It was noted that the Portfolio Holder would discuss with the Chairman of the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on how best to keep the Overview & Scrutiny Committee apprised of progress with the Recovery and Improvement Programme.

The Executive commended the Portfolio Holder and Director of Social Care, Health and Housing for the prompt action taken and the proposed Recovery and Improvement Programme.

Reason for decision: To ensure that the Council meets its statutory duties in respect of vulnerable adults and older people through its delivery of adult social care services.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the Executive endorses the draft Recovery and Improvement Programme approach as detailed in the submitted report and notes:**
 - (a) **the Recovery and Improvement Programme will be considered by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) at the September Business Meeting; and**
 - (b) **the Recovery and Improvement Programme may require amendment following the CQC national reporting of 2008/09 adult social care performance.**
2. **That the proposal to establish an Officer Recovery Programme Board, to be chaired by the Chief Executive, be noted.**
3. **That a Members' Reference Group of the Executive to meet on a monthly basis, as outlined in paragraph 5.7 of the submitted report as amended, be established to oversee and monitor the delivery of the Programme for the recovery and improvement of Adult Social Care Services and to make recommendations to the Executive thereon, as appropriate.**

E/09/40

Budget Management Report 2009/10 as at 30 June 2009

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources providing information on the budget position as at 30 June 2009, together with indicative forecast out turn for 2009/10. A briefing note from the Leader of the Council putting the Council's first budget monitoring report into context was also considered. The briefing note also contained a revised Appendix A setting out a summary of the revenue position.

The Portfolio Holder in presenting his report highlighted that there was a potential overspend of between £5.9m and £7.9m. However, this was based on the initial three months of activity and focused mainly on possible overspends. He explained that work was being undertaken to ensure effective budget monitoring and management is in place including the identification of potential underspends forecast to year end.

To address the potential overspend the Portfolio Holder recommended, in addition to the recommendations contained in his report, that budget monitoring reports detailing variances within each directorate should be brought to each meeting of the Executive. He also recommended that each directorate develop a Budget Action Plan to facilitate bringing the overall budget in line.

Reason for decisions: Council members asked that robust monitoring took place from day one so that corrective action could be taken. This was not only to ensure that spend was delivered to budget but also to ensure that the resources have been allocated appropriately.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the latest budget projections for the year as detailed in the submitted report and the need for further work to establish the likely out turn for 2009/10, be noted.**
2. **That the actions proposed to bring the Council's forecast spend in line with budget, as set out in the submitted report, be noted.**
3. **That officers undertake further detailed monitoring with particular emphasis on volatile demand led budgets.**
4. **That budget monitoring reports detailing variances be submitted to each meeting of the Executive.**
5. **That each directorate develop a Budget Action Plan to facilitate bringing the overall budget back in line.**

E/09/41

Total Place

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Richard Stay, Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation proposing the endorsement of the Total Place theme 'From Dependence to Self Reliance'.

Councillor Stay reminded the Executive that Central Bedfordshire and Luton were one of 13 national 'Total Place' pilot programmes, an ambitious and challenging programme bringing together elements of central government and local agencies within a place to achieve three things around a priority issue:

- Service transformations that can improve the experience of local residents and deliver better value
- Efficiencies that respond to the challenging budget climate
- A body of knowledge about how more effective cross-agency working delivers the above.

The proposed theme 'from dependence to self reliance', had been agreed by the Chief Executive's Forum, following development with partners and Government. Endorsement was now required by Central Bedfordshire and Luton Borough Councils as well as the Local Strategic Partnerships for each area.

It was noted that the next stage of the project, with the involvement of partners, was the development of up to 5 sub themes. Along with the results of a 'high level counting exercise' detailed in the report an Outline Business Case would then be submitted to Government on 18 September.

Responding to comments the Portfolio Holder advised that it was good news for the Council to be part of this national pilot project. With the financial position of the Country being unsettled the authority, along with partners, would be best placed to make better use of available resources and influence future funding in Bedfordshire. It was noted that a briefing note on the project would be sent to all members .

Reason for decision: To provide clarity to the broad partnership of public sector organisations in Central Bedfordshire and Luton that Central Bedfordshire Council supports the Total Place theme. This theme, alongside the results of the 'high level counting' exercise, will be reported to the Government on the 18th September to feed into the pre-budget report.

RESOLVED:

That the Total Place theme 'from dependence to self reliance', as detailed in the submitted report, be endorsed.

E/09/42

Luton Dunstable Busway

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Tom Nicols, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development seeking approval for funding advanced works on the Luton Dunstable Busway.

Councillor Nicols advised the Executive that advanced funding was required to ensure site clearance was completed before the start of the bird breeding season at end February / early March 2010 and ensure there were no works related delays at the start of the contract. As the scheme currently benefited from Government Conditional Approval status an unsecured loan was

considered to provide the most cost effective way forward, accepting that there was a small risk to the Council if the scheme should not receive Full Approval. However, the Council would seek to recover the money if for any reason the project did not go ahead.

Members noted that the report was considered by the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 4 August 2009 who endorsed the recommendation to the Executive.

Reason for decisions: So that an at risk funding loan can be made available to enable tenderers provide a more reliable tender cost and mitigate against any possible early claim.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That approval be given to advanced funding of up to £180K for advanced works on the Luton Dunstable Busway as detailed in the submitted report.**
- 2. That delegated authority be given 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, to seek to limit the impact on Central Bedfordshire Council through the reallocation of Growth Area Funding for 2009/10 to underwrite this funding.**

E/09/43

Historic Building Grant Aid Scheme for Central Bedfordshire

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Tom Nicols, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development summarising the proposed new Historic Building Grant Aid Scheme for Central Bedfordshire Council including eligibility for grant aid. Revised financial implications that had been circulated with the Chairman's briefing notes were also considered detailing funding provided for in the Council's approved capital programme.

The submitted report sought continuation of the previously existing Historic Building Grant Aid Schemes for Mid and South Bedfordshire District Councils, using the existing capital programme allocation, and consolidated the qualifying criteria for eligibility for grant assistance. It was noted that the principal aim of the grant aid scheme was to secure, if possible, the urgent repair of listed buildings that were identified as:

- buildings at *extreme* or *grave risk*,
- buildings included in the most recent 'buildings at risk' survey and register
- buildings which have subsequently been identified as meeting the *at risk* criteria.

Councillor Nicols advised that whilst funding had been provided for in the Capital Programme, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Executive's approval was required for the release of funding for the grant scheme.

Reason for decisions: To implement the Council's commitment to reducing the number of Buildings At Risk, that appear in the most recent Buildings At Risk registers, and to support and to encourage a high standard in the sympathetic repair of historic buildings throughout Central Bedfordshire. This would therefore make a contribution towards the Council's vision by enhancing the unique character of our communities and our environment.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the proposed Central Bedfordshire Council Historic Building Grant Aid Scheme, as set out in the submitted report, be approved.**
- 2. That the release of capital from the provision contained in the approved Capital Programme in respect of Historic Building Grant Aid, for the purpose of funding grants in accordance with the criteria set out in the submitted report, be approved.**

E/09/44

Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership - Statutory Plans

The Executive considered a report from Councillor David McVicar, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities setting out the statutory plans agreed for Central Bedfordshire by the Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership.

Members were reminded that the Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership was a new partnership, formed as part of the transition into the new unitary authority. The Council was represented by the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities and the Director for Sustainable Communities, who was also Chair of the Executive Group.

The Executive noted that the responsible authorities of the Community Safety Partnership (police, police authorities, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities and primary care trusts (PCTs)) have a statutory duty to work in partnership with other local agencies and organisations to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder, including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, as well as the misuse of drugs in their area. The Partnership also have a duty to identify community safety priorities and develop a partnership plan for the area.

Members were advised that the Community Safety Plan 2009-2011 showing how community safety priorities will be addressed over the next two years was agreed by the Community Safety Partnership Executive on 25 June 2009. Endorsement of the Plan was now required from each partner organisation.

Also submitted for approval were a Domestic Abuse Strategy and an Alcohol Strategy which supported the overarching Community Safety Plan. These strategies which supported the priorities within the Partnership Plan were also agreed at the Partnership Executive meeting on 25 June 2009. Members were advised that as the Community Safety Partnership is a thematic group of the Local Strategic Partnership the Community Safety Plan would normally go to the Local Strategic Partnership for agreement prior to

being brought to the Executive. However, in view of delays in producing the Plan for 2009, due to the transition to unitary authorities and the formation of the new Community Safety Partnership, Executive endorsement was being sought prior to sign off by the Local Strategic Partnership. It was noted that should any amendments be necessary following consideration by the Local Strategic Partnership the Plan would be updated and re-circulated to all members prior to formal approval by Council.

During the general discussion that ensued a member in referring to the increasing requirement from government to work in partnership questioned what the Partnership, and the former Community Safety Partnership, was achieving. The Director of Sustainable Communities in explaining that the process for next year's plan started in September/October and emphasising that it was the performance of Central Bedfordshire going forward that needed to be the focus, advised that this could be looked at, where data is available, as part of the process in developing the next plan.

Reason for decisions: Central Bedfordshire Council is a responsible authority of the Community Safety Partnership under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Act places a statutory duty on the local authority to work with other responsible authorities to develop and implement a strategy for reducing crime and disorder. The strategy must cover a district, borough or unitary area.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the draft Community Safety Plan and associated strategies recommended by the Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership, as detailed in the submitted report, be endorsed.**
2. **That delegated authority be given to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, to amend the draft Community Safety Plan and associated strategies, as appropriate, following consideration by the Local Strategic Partnership.**

RECOMMENDED:

That the Council be recommended to approve the draft Community Safety Plan and associated strategies, subject to any further amendments to be made to the Plan in accordance with resolution 2 above.

(Note: a revised copy of the Plan incorporating any amendments will be submitted to the meeting of the full Council)

E/09/45

Contract for a Managed Service for the Supply of Temporary Labour

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources seeking approval to enter into a contract with Carlisle Managed Solutions for the managed service of the supply of the services temporary labour with the provision to extend the scope of the agreement as required.

Reason for decision: To provide the optimum solution in managing demand for temporary labour across all service areas (excluding Schools).

RESOLVED:

1. **That approval be given to Central Bedfordshire Council, from 1 September 2009, to enter into a contract for the provision of a managed service for the supply of the services of short term temporary and contingent labour and the option to increase the scope as specified in the contract elements with Carlisle Staffing PLC trading as Carlisle Managed Services, subject to agreement of contractual terms and the process of due diligence.**
2. **That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to approve the entering into the final Contract, subject to Luton Borough Council and, in turn, Central Bedfordshire Council being satisfied with the agreement of contractual terms and process of due diligence.**

E/09/46

Procurement of a new Housing Management System

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Rita Drinkwater, Portfolio Holder for Housing seeking approval to the preferred option for the procurement of an upgrade to existing Housing Management System within the Social Care, Health and Housing Directorate.

Reason for decision: The procurement of the new system through the OGC buying solutions framework would avoid the need to go through the formal Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) tender exercise enabling the Council to save significant amount of investment in terms of financial, time and resources.

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to funding of up to £159K for the acquisition of the QL Housing Management system through the Office of Government Commerce buying solutions framework for the reasons outlined in the submitted report.

E/09/47

Flitwick Leisure Centre Redevelopment and Football Development Project

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Stephen Male, Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills seeking approval to capital expenditure allocated in the Capital Programme to Flitwick Leisure Centre to enable a Football Foundation Bid to be submitted. The report also sought approval to the approach for the next stage for football development and Leisure Centre redevelopment.

The redevelopment of Flitwick Leisure Centre was identified as a priority in the Council's Strategic Plan 2009-11 adopted by Executive 5 August 2008. It was also identified as an early priority in the Children, Families and Learning Directorate Plan, adopted by Executive 30 September 2008. It was noted that

the project would help deliver those plans and support the Local Area Agreement targets to reduce the health inequalities of children and families in Central Bedfordshire, increase young people's participation in positive activities and increase adult participation in sport.

The Portfolio Holder advised the Executive that the scheme which had full local member support had taken ten years of negotiation to reach the current position. The proposal to bring forward capital expenditure of £130k allocated for Flitwick Leisure Centre from 2010/11 to 2009/10 would enable the necessary planning applications to be drawn up and for work on the football bid to be commenced. It was noted that the majority of the £130,000 was to undertake surveys and ground investigations required for the project and to develop a business case for football development so that a detailed bid could be made to the Football Foundation for £600,000.

Members noted that the Football Foundation bid would form the basis of a detailed business case for Executive to consider around April 2010. At the same time Executive would be asked to select a preferred contractor to build the football development project, and approve an outline business case on the redevelopment of the leisure centre.

During consideration of the report questions were raised about the timing and appropriateness of the request. The Portfolio Holder advised that should the Executive be minded to not approve the request £600k potential funding could be lost, paragraph 1.3 of the submitted report refers. He clarified that the funding was not over what was already identified in the capital programme.

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources expressed reservations about the building of a Leisure Centre/football complex at a cost of £10m in the current economic climate and for this reason was unable to support the proposal.

Reason for decisions: So that a detailed business case can be produced for the football development project and an application to the Football Foundation be made by October 2009. To agree a preferred approach to the next stage of the football development and leisure centre redevelopment.

RESOLVED:

1. **That approval be given for expenditure of up to £130,000 from the scheme contained in the capital programme in respect of 'Flitwick Leisure Centre' which will require bringing forward this amount from 2010/11, in order that a detailed business case for football development can be prepared for a bid to the Football Foundation in October 2009 and enable the Council to undertake a tendering exercise on the football development project.**
2. **That agreement be given to approach the next stage for football development and leisure centre redevelopment as set out in paragraph 2.1.4 of the submitted report.**

3. That the consultants currently engaged in producing the employer's requirements on the football development project be appointed to undertake the role of employer's agent for the football development project, and to advertise in the Official Journal of the European Union for consultants to produce the employer's requirements and to undertake the role of employer's agent for the leisure centre.

E/09/48 **Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan for the period 1 September 2009 to 30 September 2010 was received.

E/09/49 **Rushmere Park - acquisition of land in partnership with the Greensand Trust**

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Stephen Male, Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills seeking approval to the commitment of external funding resources (registered in the capital programme) for the purchase of land for open access, as part of the provision of new green infrastructure for the Growth Agenda, in a partnership arrangement with the third sector body The Greensand Trust.

The submitted report set out the background to the proposal to acquire Rushmere Park, 210 acres of mature former parkland and woodland (with a wide variety of wildlife habitat and flora, including open grassland, lakes, open heath, mixed woodland, dense areas of conifers and pines and mature Wellingtonia) with 2 lakes in Heath and Reach, just north of Leighton Buzzard.

The Park was formerly part of the Stockgrove Park Estate and had been the subject of long term multi-agency interest from organisations involved in green space and outdoor access as it provides the opportunity, by linking it with the existing Stockgrove Country Park (80 acres) and Oak Wood (100 acres) to create a strategic level (regional) 400 acre Country Park.

The report also set out details of the proposal together with external funding opportunities to fund the acquisition and details of partnership acquisition and management.

During detailed discussion of the report the Portfolio Holder responded to questions and comments posed by members. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that all of Rushmere Park would be open to the public, except areas of Special Scientific Interests (SSIs). However, these would be minimal and change over time.

Members expressed their support for more green open space in the Luton and South Beds Growth Area, acquisition and development of Rushmere Park was directly relevant to this aim. It was acknowledged that many of the Council's Plans and related objectives supported the protection and enhancement of the Council's green infrastructure and spaces including the Green Infrastructure Plan. The proposal was also relevant to the aims of the Council's ten year

strategic Outdoor Access Improvement Plan for Central Bedfordshire's Countryside Access Service.

The Portfolio Holder re-assured members that acquiring Rushmere Park would not have a negative impact on projects that needed to come forward in the future. The use of external grant funding was money that if not claimed during 2009/10 would be lost.

Concluding the discussion members agreed that acquiring Rushmere Park would bring unique opportunities. It was noted that the site also had longer term potential which would be the subject to further reports to the Executive in future years.

Reason for decisions: To authorise the Countryside Access Service, working with Property and Legal Services to enter into negotiations to secure acquisition of the land and to enter into long term (at least 25 years) partnership arrangements with the Greensand Trust subject to the following factors :

- valuation and purchase price,
- confirmation of funding sources
- agreement of terms and conditions to the purchase and agreement with the Greensand Trust.

RESOLVED:

1. **That approval be given to the purchase of the Rushmere Park site at a price not exceeding that set out in the submitted report and that such a purchase is wholly conditional upon the meeting of the conditions referred to at paragraph 7.2.2 of the submitted report.**
2. **That agreement be given to the commitment of external funding resources (registered in the capital programme) to the purchase of the land for open access as part of the provision of new green infrastructure for the Growth Agenda in a partnership arrangement with the third sector body The Greensand Trust.**
3. **That the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills be requested to develop commercial proposals to maximise the revenue generated by this acquisition.**
4. **That the longer term potential for this site, the development of which will be the subject of further reports to the Executive in future years, be noted.**

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources abstained from voting on this item.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 12.44pm)

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Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan

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Foreword

Welcome to the first Children and Young People's Plan for Central Bedfordshire

This plan sets out our shared vision for children, young people and their families in Central Bedfordshire and it shows how we plan to achieve it. We know that most children and young people in Central Bedfordshire enjoy their childhood and go on to be confident and successful young adults – we want to make sure that we maintain this and improve the achievements and outcomes for those children and young people who are not doing as well.

We have set out in this plan those things we think are important to focus on over the next eighteen months. It is not a detailed account of all we plan to do but it does set out those things we think are critical to achieving our vision. There are a large number of more detailed strategies and plans which support the priorities set out in this plan.

We would like to thank all those that have been involved in the development of the plan. In particular the more than 4,000 children and young people who were asked what they think is important. Their ideas and priorities have helped to shape this plan. We look forward to working with children, young people, their families and those involved in delivering services for them, to tackle our challenges and celebrate our successes.

**The Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People Trust Board
On behalf of the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Trust**



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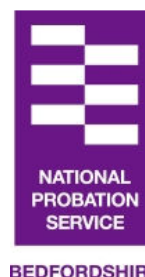
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*Working Together
to Safeguard Children*



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Introduction

In 2003 the Government launched 'Every Child Matters: Change for Children' which set out a new way of thinking about how services for children, young people and their families are delivered. The result was the Children Act 2004 which provided the legislation for this new approach and which outlines the five key 'Every Child Matters' outcomes for all children and young people, whatever their background or circumstances. They are:

To be healthy

Enjoy good physical and mental health and live a healthy lifestyle

To stay safe

Be protected from harm and neglect and grow up able to look after themselves

To enjoy and achieve

Get the most out of life and develop broad skills for life

To make a positive contribution

To the community and society and not offend or behave in an anti-social way

To achieve economic well-being

Overcome disadvantages and achieve their full potential in life

The Children Act 2004 Section 10 requires that all local authorities with a children's services responsibility should make arrangements to promote cooperation between the authority and relevant partners with a view to improving the well-being of children and young people in the area. The Act establishes the Local Authority as the lead and accountable partner in such arrangements.

The expectation is that these arrangements, commonly known as Children's Trusts, should have been in place in all Local Authorities by the end of 2008 and that partners involved in Trusts should work together to develop a Children and Young People's Plan.

As a new unitary Authority we have set up our new Children and Young People's Trust. At its first meeting in April 2009 the Trust Board agreed to put in place the following arrangements to develop and implement our first Children and Young People's Plan:

- a Trust Board – made up of the strategic leaders of all partners and acting as the Executive of the Trust, agreeing and owning the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan and any other relevant strategies;
- a Commissioning Executive - made up of those people who commission services from across the partners whose job is to understand the needs of children, young people and their families, work with partners to plan services around these needs and identify the best providers to deliver the services; and
- five Every Child Matters Outcome Delivery Groups – made up of key professionals from across the Trust involved in delivering services relating to the five Every Child Matters outcomes to make sure that services are delivered according to the agreed priorities.

There are also a number of partnerships and groups which the Trust has links with and which will help to deliver the priorities in the plan, including the Local Strategic Partnership, the Local Safeguarding Board, the Community Safety Partnership, the Healthier Communities and Older People Partnership and the Stronger Communities Thematic Partnership.

Our vision for Children and Young People in Central Beds

We want every child in Central Bedfordshire to enjoy their childhood and have the best possible start in life. We want every child to do well at school, make friends and build strong relationships with their family. By the age of 19, as young adults, we want every young person to have the knowledge, skills and qualifications that will give them the best chance of success, so that they are prepared to take their full place in society as a happy, healthy, contributing and confident citizen.

Living in Central Bedfordshire

Central Bedfordshire is home to approximately 252,100 people. Around 137,000 (54.4% of the population) people live in the towns with 36,540 in Leighton Linlade, 35,070 in Dunstable, 17,000 in Houghton Regis, 16,640 in Biggleswade, 13,310 in Flitwick, 11,690 in Sandy and 6,900 in Ampthill.

Around 63,000 children and young people between the ages of 0-19 live in Central Bedfordshire and by 2021 it is forecast that there will be about 2,000 more children aged under 16. The number of births in Central Bedfordshire has been around 3,000 for the last three years. The birth rate is slightly lower than the England and East of England rates and Central Bedfordshire's proportion of low birth weight babies is slightly lower than the East of England average.

Age range of children and young people population in Central Bedfordshire, 2007

0 – 4	15,400
5 – 9	15,300
10 – 14	16,100
15 - 19	16,200

*ONS – estimates June 2007

Central Bedfordshire is generally an affluent area and many children and young people in the area enjoy a very good quality of life and have excellent prospects in relation to both their own future happiness and their contribution to their communities. The health of our children and young people compares well with the East of England, and to England as a whole. Achievement across the age range from Early Years Foundation Stage to the end of Key Stage 4 is above national averages. None of our schools is in an Ofsted category of concern and we are on track to have 100% of extended services in schools by 2010. The percentage of school leavers going onto higher education is above the regional and national average and we have low numbers of young people that are not in education employment or training (5.9%).

We know however, that there is a significant minority of children and young people for whom outcomes are much worse than those of the rest.

In terms of overall deprivation, in 2007 none of the areas in Central Bedfordshire were in the top 20% most deprived in England. However, for some individual aspects of deprivation (such as education, crime and income) communities in Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Flitwick and Sandy do fall into the worst 10% nationally.

We do also have some pockets of deprivation, and in total nine areas in 2007 were in the top 20% most deprived in the East of England and three of these were in the top 10% in the region. This means that around 27% of children in Central Bedfordshire live in low income or workless families and we know that children from poorer backgrounds are doing less well. In

some areas up to 50% are living in low income families:

% and number children in low income families

Tithe Farm	50%	750
Parkside	49%	670
Manshead	47%	590
Northfields	40%	705
Houghton Hall	38%	670
Planets	34%	420
Plantation	32%	415
Dunstable Central	31%	310
All Saints	30%	315
Biggleswade Ivel	30%	515
Sandy Pinnacle	30%	550

What children and young people said

More than 4,000 children and young people helped shape the priorities in this Children and Young People's Plan. More information on how we did this set out in Appendix B and here are some of the things that children and young people said was important to them:

Be healthy

Children and young people wanted more opportunities to lead healthy lifestyles and felt that better play facilities in school grounds and more sports activities would help achieve this. They also asked for healthier and nice school meals.

"More stuff on healthy lifestyles"

"More accessible contraception coz some places want all your details if you ask for it"

Stay safe

Children and young people wanted safe areas to live and play and they wanted action to stop bullying out of school. They also felt it was important to stop bad behaviour and crime in their areas and for children and the Police to have more opportunities to talk.

"Stop big groups of young people walking around at night"

"Stop gang culture"

Enjoy and achieve

Help to do better at school was something that children and young people wanted and they also wanted more rewards for behaving and doing well at school.

"After school club to help us with Maths and English"

"Young people's celebration - like Young People of the Year Awards"

Make a positive contribution

As mentioned above, children and young people want more rewards for behaving and doing well. In particular they wanted to see good things about young people in newspapers and the media. They also felt that they needed more things to do, such as more groups and clubs to join and play schemes. Cheaper transport to get to places was highlighted as an issue and children and young people were concerned that those families who might need help to pay for activities for their children were given support.

"More music concerts - stuff for us to do, could have stalls on drug and alcohol too."

"Good website that says all the stuff you can do and is up to date."

Achieve economic wellbeing

As mentioned above, children and young people thought there should be help for families who need it to pay for activities. They also thought that there should be more job opportunities for young people.

"We need more help on what we should do after leaving school"

We will be developing a children and young people's summary version of the plan so that they can easily see what we plan to do and also to show that we have listened to what they told us.

Our priorities

Cross cutting priorities

In order to deliver the priorities set out in this plan there are a number of issues and programmes that underpin the work of all the partners. These cross cutting priorities will all have separate plans in place, linked to the Children and Young People's Plan and overseen by either an Every Child Matters Delivery Group or the Commissioning Executive. We will need to work together on the following to make sure we have the right building blocks in place and address the priorities in a co-ordinated way:

Improve prevention, early identification and intervention

Recognising as early as possible when children, young people and their families need advice and support is one of the most effective ways of improving outcomes and it is a key cross cutting priority for the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Trust. This work will be monitored and reported through the 'Stay Safe' Delivery Group. To support this work we will:

- Implement an effective strategic plan to develop high quality, locally delivered, integrated services
- Ensure earlier identification and intervention supported by a multi-agency workforce development programme
- Implement further development of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and associated local practice initiatives
- Develop a "Think Family" programme
- Build on the success of our Early Years services and develop children's centres and our support for new parents and very young children
- Intervene earlier and support those children, young people and families we have identified as being at risk: children and young people with mental health problems, children where domestic abuse is a factor, disabled children, looked after children, young carers, gypsy and travelling communities, asylum seekers and homeless children, young offenders, teenage mothers; and
- Provide enhanced services for families where children and young people have been identified as being at risk of entering the care system

What success looks like

- Local delivery of integrated services based on common processes, outstanding practice, strong partnerships and clearly identified pathways
- Children, young people and families access appropriate services to meet their needs and lead to better outcomes.

This approach will be supported by an effective common process for working with children, young people and families – the Common Assessment Framework (CAF). We are reviewing our use of the common assessment framework, the Development of the Lead Professional Role and the design and operation of multi agency panels to support this approach.

Reduce child poverty

Children who grow up in poverty are less likely to get qualifications or go on to higher education, and are more likely to become young parents. People with low levels of educational achievement can expect to be less employable, therefore poorer, therefore less healthy and probably less likely to participate in civic activity. The kinds of people who are less likely to be employed are also more likely to be involved in crime, to have shorter life-spans and to have less fulfilling family lives. Whole families can be locked into cycles of deprivation.

Our long term aim is to reduce the number of children living in poverty in Central Bedfordshire. This is a key priority that will be monitored and reported through the 'Economic Wellbeing' Delivery Group and led out of the Stronger Communities Thematic Partnership of the Local Strategic Partnership. We aim to provide support to children, young people and their families who need assistance in improving their quality of life, particularly with regard to housing, transport, parenting and early year's intervention. To deliver this priority we will:

- Develop a child poverty strategy.
- Commission services to improve people's economic well-being so that they are accessible to those families with the greatest need.
- Provide stable accommodation for those under threat of homelessness.
- Provide subsidised transport and services for children, young people and their families.
- Learn from other agencies who are good at supporting families.
- Increase the number and use of our children's centres.

What success looks like

- Reduce the levels of child poverty (NI 116, LAA priority).
- Increase the range and availability of discounted services.
- Reduce the levels of homelessness.
- Increase the take up of childcare by low income working families.

Develop a locality based approach to delivering integrated services

In order to develop a locality based approach to delivering integrated services, partners will work together to identify and agree the need for co-located services, identify the priority services for re-configuration and develop plans to ensure we have integrated processes and information sharing to support this approach.

We have an ambitious agenda to deliver a wide variety of services for children and young people that are working together in local communities. Health, education and social care services will be set up as multi agency teams that use integrated processes and systems and a broader 'Think Family' approach.

This way of working will be more responsive to local need and will make it easier and simpler for children, young people and their families to access a variety of services in their own locality.

Developing the Children's Trust

As a new unitary area and a new partnership we have identified a number of things we need to do to strengthen partnership working so that we are well equipped for jointly delivering our priorities. A Trust Development Plan will be overseen by the Trust Board and to deliver this priority we will:

- Make sure we have the right people and partners involved in the Trust and that they have appropriate training and information;
- Make sure we are clear about our links and arrangements with other partnerships;
- Make sure that we clear are about what success looks like and that we monitor our progress and challenge each other;
- Develop the Trust Board, our Commissioning Executive and our Delivery Groups; and
- Develop a communications strategy so that everyone knows what the Trust stands for and what it offers and so that children, young people, families and partners all feel informed.

Increase opportunities for children and young people to play an active part in influencing the decisions that affect their lives and well-being

This is a key priority that will be monitored and reported through the 'Make a positive contribution' Delivery Group. To deliver this priority we will:

- Develop a comprehensive youth engagement and consultation plan which leads to increased opportunities for children and young people to play an active part in influencing the decisions that affect their lives and well-being.
- Further develop young people's active involvement in service design, delivery, and evaluation in relation to all providers through initiatives that develop their skills and abilities to inspect services and make valid contributions to the development of services that affect their lives.
- Build on the Young People's grant giving initiative, increasing young people's involvement in decisions about how funding is spent, and encouraging them to become involved in activities that increase opportunities for participatory budgeting activity. We want more young people to apply for the 'street cred' funds (Youth Opportunities Fund), particularly targeting the development of activity on Friday evenings and weekends.

What success looks like

- Young people believe that they can influence service delivery.
- A diverse range of inclusive mechanisms in place that demonstrate children and young people's involvement, voice and influence in decisions that affect their lives and well being, including comprehensive engagement in democratic processes and service design and delivery.
- Engagement and consultation with young people is centrally planned and co-ordinated ensuring communication is a two-way process and avoiding duplication.
- Raise awareness and interest in democracy, annually increasing the numbers of young people voting in youth cabinet elections.
- Have well established and promoted feedback mechanisms in place for children and young people.
- Children and young people are actively involved in service assessments.

Develop Strategic commissioning

Robust commissioning arrangements are seen as being increasingly important in making sure that services are effective, offer good value for money and improve outcomes for children and young people. During 2009 we will agree a Strategic Commissioning Framework that sets out how we will work together to commission cost effective, high quality services. This is a key priority for the Commissioning Executive.

Develop an integrated workforce which is ambitious for all children and their families and expert in its practice

Workforce development is the key to providing the right staff with the right skills to provide high quality services and transform outcomes for children, young people and their families. We are developing a workforce development strategy to ensure that we identify key areas of development and then put in place programmes to ensure new ways of working across all agencies. This is a key priority that will be monitored and reported through the 'Enjoy and Achieve' Delivery Group. To deliver this priority we will:

- Establish and promote a shared identity, vision, language, practices and services across the Children's Workforce.
- Develop integrated working and a single staff development framework based on a single needs analysis.
- Increase the use of Training hubs for learning in each area of Central Bedfordshire.
- Put safeguarding at the forefront of Workforce Development.

What success looks like

- Regular self assessment shows progress towards integrated working.
- The Children's workforce has shared goals, common language, flexible working practices and works within a common ethos.
- There is a common career development and qualifications framework that encourages movement across the Children's Workforce.
- Local needs for the recruitment, development and reform for the children's workforce are effectively identified and development programmes are matched explicitly to need.
- A single directory of workforce development has been compiled and made widely available, signposting both multi-agency (generic) and role specific development opportunities.

Develop the Family and Youth Information Service

Knowing what is on offer and where families can get help and information was a key issue that emerged during our consultation with children, young people, their families and our partners.

To address this we are planning to develop a Central Bedfordshire Family and Youth Information Service for children, young people their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them.

The information service will be key to achieving positive outcomes for children and young people so that information on choices, options and activities, rights and responsibilities is freely available. The service will meet statutory responsibilities for the provision of information placed upon us by legislation,

and will be available to as many people as possible through a wide range of media; for example paper publications, websites and web based services, telephone advice lines, outreach, and consultancy and support services to professionals working within frontline services.

This is an innovative approach which combines the Connexions information and publications team and the Family Information Service to provide a broad based service that can grow and develop to meet the needs of Central Bedfordshire's Children and Young People through the introduction of additional data for example, sections on positive activities and specialist Learning Difficulties and Disabilities provision are planned for 2010.

This is a priority that will be monitored and reported through the Make a Positive Contribution Delivery Group.

Equality and diversity

Equality is a Trust priority. The following equality and diversity principles have informed the development of the plan throughout the process.

- All learners and potential learners are of equal value.
- Consideration will be given to differences of life-experience, outlook and background, and in the kinds of barrier and disadvantage which people face.
- Employment practices will benefit all members of the workforce, for example in recruitment and promotion, and in continuing professional development.
- The plan will promote positive attitudes towards disabled people, positive interaction and good relations between groups and communities and mutual respect and good relations between boys and girls, women and men.
- The plan will help foster greater cohesion, and greater participation in public life.
- Current inequalities and barriers will be addressed and reduced.

In developing the vision and priorities for the Children and Young People's Plan each of the Every Child Matters Delivery Groups considered a wide range of national equality evidence and identified groups or individuals that may have particular needs that are not being met by mainstream services.

The following groups of children who are vulnerable and who may not have prospects for good outcomes across the Every Child Matters outcomes were identified as a priority for the Trust: children and young people with mental health problems, children in homes where domestic abuse is a factor, disabled children, looked after children, young carers, gypsy and travelling communities, asylum seekers and homeless children, young offenders, teenage mothers and children from disadvantaged communities.

Delivering services that support these children and young people and assessing their progress is a key priority that will be monitored and assessed by all the Delivery Groups as part of the ongoing Equality Impact Assessment process.

Be Healthy

What we know

Health and wellbeing of children in Central Bedfordshire generally compares well to the rest of the East of England, and to England as a whole. In 2008/09:

- 77% of women in Bedfordshire* accessed antenatal care within 12 weeks of pregnancy (against a target of 80%).
- 15% of pregnant women in Bedfordshire* were reported to be smoking at time of delivery.
- 72% of women in Bedfordshire* initiated breastfeeding after delivery (against a target of 75%).
- 40% of women in Central Bedfordshire were still breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks after delivery (against a target of 39%).
- All immunisation targets were met except for MMR at age 5 years which was 72% against a target of 76% for Central Bedfordshire.
- 72% of schools in Central Bedfordshire have achieved National Healthy Schools Status.
- In 2008/09 Central Bedfordshire recorded 8% of children in the Reception school year as obese, and 14.3% of children in school year 6 as obese.
- Central Bedfordshire showed a teenage conception rate of 28.5, based on 2004-6 data. There is on average a 2 year time lag with this data set from the Office for National Statistics. However local intelligence suggests that teenage conception rates remain of concern in Central Bedfordshire, with particular 'hot spot' areas in Houghton Hall, Manshead, Tithe Farm, Parkside and Heath and Reach.
- In 2008/09 Bedfordshire* screened 16.4% of 15-24 year olds against a 17% target. In 2009/10 Central Bedfordshire will screen 25% of 15-24 year olds.
- In 2008 16% boys and 18% girls in Central Bedfordshire were reported to be smoking occasionally or regularly.
- Data suggest levels of drug use remain relatively stable amongst young people, with slight increases or decreases across the 4 year period from 2004-2008.
- Alcohol use has tended to remain stable with slight increases recorded in 2006. For example, those drinking between 4-20 units was recorded at 32% in 2004, increased to 39% in 2006 and fell again to 33% in 2008.
- The following have been identified as children in vulnerable circumstances who may have poorer health outcomes: children and young people with mental health problems, disabled children, looked after children, young carers, gypsy and travelling communities; asylum seekers and homeless children.

*Central Bedfordshire data not currently available

What we are going to do

Priority 1: Ensure a healthy start to life - including early access to antenatal care, reducing smoking and improving nutrition in pregnancy, promoting breastfeeding and increasing immunisation and vaccinations.

Strategic actions

- Improve choices for women to book by increasing numbers of midwifery led and community based booking clinics.
- Promote multi-agency approaches to improved ante, peri and postnatal care for women, making use of acute and community healthcare services and Children's Centres.
- Improve antenatal and postnatal breastfeeding support, through the implementation of the Healthy Child Programme and targeted programmes of work such as peer counsellors.
- Achieve UNICEF Baby Friendly status in the community.
- Expand stop smoking services for pregnant women, both through the Bedfordshire Stop Smoking Service and increased training provision to maternity and Children's Centre staff
- Support women to prevent re-starting smoking after delivery.

What success looks like

- Increase in the number of women accessing antenatal care within 12 weeks of pregnancy to 85% in 2009/10.
- Increase in breastfeeding initiation to 77% by 2009/10 and the continuation of breastfeeding to achieve a 6-8 week breastfeeding rate of 41% 2009/10 (NI 53).
- Reduce smoking during pregnancy to 15% or less in 2009/10.
- Achieve childhood immunisation rates in line with national NHS Vital Signs targets.

Priority 2: Ensure children and young people are able to make responsible decisions in relation to drugs, alcohol, and sexual health.

Strategic actions

- Ensure services are targeted in line with identified need, particularly teenage pregnancy services.
- Improve the quality of Personal, Social and Health Education in schools.
- Enhance our family services, particularly services for young parents and those affected by drugs and alcohol issues and support the delivery of parenting programmes which address harmful and risky behaviours.
- Improve the quality of specialist drugs/alcohol treatment, particularly planned discharges.
- Roll out new locality sexual health services across Central Bedfordshire.
- Continue to increase uptake of chlamydia screening services.

What success looks like

- Reduce smoking rates among young people from 13% to 9%, and stop young people from starting to smoke in 2009/10.
- Reduce numbers of young people misusing substances, including drugs and alcohol to 11.85% in 2009/10 (NI 115, LAA priority).
- Reduce the teenage conception rate to 23.2 per thousand (NI 112).
- Increase rates of Chlamydia screening for 15 to 24 year olds to 25%.

Priority 3: Promote, protect and treat the mental and emotional health of children and young people.

Strategic actions

- Further develop and integrate early intervention services to ensure prompt and timely support for children and young people with emerging mental health problems.
- Continue to develop the knowledge and skills of all those working with children and young people.
- Develop services for children and young people with complex mental health needs.
- Align Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) and Children's Learning Disability Services.
- Support the delivery of parenting support programmes with a focus on improving the emotional wellbeing of children and young people.

What success looks like

- To improve the effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health services, as rated through the self assessment framework. In 2008/09 a score of 13 was achieved, against a target of 13. The 2009/10 self assessment target is 15. (NI 51, LAA priority).

Priority 4: Support children and young people to lead healthy lifestyles including reducing smoking and childhood obesity and increasing physical activity and healthy eating.

Strategic actions

- Promote the Change 4 Life programme to all communities.
- Increase the capacity of childhood obesity management programmes.
- Expand current 0-5 years healthy living programmes.
- Develop and deliver new childhood obesity prevention programmes.

- Deliver the National Child Measurement Programme to regional and national targets.
- Provide a range of programmes within the extended services communities to give parents the skills and information they need to better manage their children's healthy weight.
- Support the further roll-out of the National Healthy Schools programme.
- Ensure the delivery of 2 hours of physical activity per week in schools, moving towards 5 hours per week where possible.

What success looks like

- Reduce levels of childhood obesity to 13.6% (NI56, LAA priority).
- 75% of schools in Central Bedfordshire to achieve National Healthy Schools status by December 2009 (local indicator).
- Increase take up of school lunches (NI 52).
- All schools delivering 2 hours per week of physical activity (NI57).

Priority 5: Transform services for disabled children.

Strategic actions

- Ensure the delivery of the Aiming High for Disabled children programme, in particular the transformation of short break services in line with the national indicators, priorities and timescales.
- Ensure that the strategic objectives of Better Care; Better Lives are implemented.
- Improve data available on numbers of disabled children and types of disability.
- Continue the roll out of the Early Support programme for disabled children 0 – 5 years
- Deliver the Transition Improvement Plan to provide a smooth transition into adulthood.
- Ensure parents, disabled children and young people are fully involved in the shaping and delivery of services.
- Develop the workforce to deliver transformation.

What success looks like

- Positive response from parents to the NI54 indicator on parental satisfaction (NI 54).
- A substantial increase and step change in short break provision which offers a range of options so that every disabled child and family can be offered a short break by 2011.
- Improved access to services for disabled children and young people.
- Clear plans for children and young people with palliative care needs and those requiring end of life care.
- Transparent transition pathway in place for all disabled young people older than 14.

Be Healthy – supporting plans

- A Healthier Bedfordshire
- NHS Bedfordshire Maternity Strategy
- An Alcohol Strategy for Central Bedfordshire

Stay Safe

What we know

- The majority of children and young people feel safe.
- 15% of boys and 13% of girls said they had been the victim of violence or aggression in the last 12 months in the area where they lived.
- 35% of girls report feeling they are afraid of going to school because of bullying compared to 16% of boys.
- 3,000 contacts in Bedfordshire for whom domestic violence has been recorded by children's social care.
- Above average rates of death for young males under 15 per 100,00 compared to England and the East of England.

What we are going to do

Priority 6: Protect children and young people from harm by providing a co-ordinated and effective safeguarding process.

Strategic actions

- Work closely with Trust partners to establish processes for identifying and responding to children whose safety is, or is likely to be, compromised.
- Establish a separate and effective Local Safeguarding Children Board by 2010.
- Engage with and deliver Central Bedfordshire's aspect of the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (RIEP) safeguarding programme (ESP) so that high quality, evidence based safeguarding practice is consistently delivered.

What success looks like

- The new Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board is functioning effectively.
- The children's workforce is configured and trained to meet the Trust's safeguarding objectives, co-operating in a consistent, responsive and effective manner.
- Children and young people report feeling safer and know how to access help from a trusted source should it be needed.
- Inspections of Safeguarding services result in positive judgements about the effectiveness of those services.
- Reduce the percentage of referrals of children in need that led to initial assessments from 83.8% in 2008/09 to 80% (NI 68).
- 85% of initial assessments within seven working days of referral (NI59).
- Ensure that 100% of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year were reviewed (NI 67).

Priority 7: Reduce the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people.

Strategic actions

- Align activity which is intended to reduce the impact of domestic abuse within the LSCB business plan and Community Safety Partnership Domestic Abuse plan.
- Integrate research and best practice into multi-disciplinary training programmes so that the workforce is equipped to identify and respond to children exposed to domestic abuse.
- Review the multi-agency Domestic Abuse protocol.
- Develop and commission an appropriate range of services to respond to and reduce the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people.

What success looks like

- Clear identification of children and young people in situations of domestic abuse receiving an appropriate, timely and effective response.
- Children and young people report that they feel safer.

Priority 8: Reduce the incidence and impact of bullying on children and young people.

Strategic actions

- Further develop the Anti-Bullying Strategy to include out of school bullying.
- Incorporate bullying awareness into the Workforce Development Strategy.
- Align the anti-social behaviour strategy and anti-bullying strategy to ensure early identification and response.

What success looks like

- Children and young people report feeling safer.
- The incidence of bullying reduces.

Stay Safe – supporting plans

- Community Safety Partnership Plan
- Domestic Abuse Strategy
- Anti-Bullying Strategy
- Workforce Development Strategy

Enjoy and Achieve

What we know

- Most children up until the age of 7 are doing well and achieving at Key Stage 1 with 80 out of 95 Lower schools currently seen as good or outstanding.
- On track to have 100% of extended services in schools by 2010.
- The performance of children and young people at the ages of 11 and 16 is improving, however, overall they perform less well than those in other areas.
- 15 out of 35 middle, primary and upper schools are seen as good or outstanding.
- The rate of fixed term exclusions is increasing.
- Children in certain groups do not achieve as well as their peers (boys, some ethnic minorities, children who are looked after and children on free school meals).
- Contact with nature, access to the countryside and outdoor activities, play, sport and leisure all have significant and beneficial impacts on families, children and young people.

What we are going to do

Priority 9: Transform teaching and learning and strengthen leadership to ensure that every school and early years' setting is at least good.

Strategic actions

- Review support services to ensure schools and early years settings have effective, targeted support where it is most needed with a focus on prevention and early intervention.
- Increase the percentage of schools and early years settings judged to be good or outstanding.
- Ensure that all schools and settings are safe and that children and young people can make informed decisions.
- Strengthen leadership in schools and early years settings through effective self-evaluation and challenge.
- Ensure that children and young people enjoy their learning.
- Develop and implement a vision for future learning in Central Bedfordshire expressed through the 0-19 Strategy for Change which has an innovative, engaging and continuous curriculum centred on the individual needs of the learner and which promotes health and well-being, harnesses new technologies, is community-focused, global and enables achievement and enjoyment.
- Develop a shared approach to teaching and learning which ensures that children and young people experience effective transitions within and between each place of learning.

What success looks like

- Support is deployed in proportion to need, it is pre-emptive and has a positive effect.
- Increase the percentage of upper schools judged as good from 50% to 80% by 2011.
- Increase the percentage of middle/primary schools judged as good from 43% to 72% by 2011.
- Increase the percentage of lower schools judged as good from 84% to 86% by 2011.
- No schools in special measures (NI 89).
- Increase the percentage of secondary schools judged as having good or outstanding standards of behaviour from 82% to 91% by 2011 (NI 86).
- Children and young people recognise when they are at risk and can make informed and safe decisions.
- Increase to 80% Ofsted judgements on effective leadership and management in schools and/or schools' capacity for sustained improvement.
- Improve attendance rates by keeping the persistent absence rate below 4.76% (NI 87), improving exclusion rates (NI 114) and making sure more 16-18 year olds are in full-time education, training or employment (NI 117).
- School Improvement Partners and learners report that learning is continuous and builds on prior learning.
- Assessment practices and tracking of success are effective and helping to raise achievement for young people.

Priority 10: Raise achievement for all learners particularly underachieving groups and children in vulnerable circumstances.

Strategic actions

- Develop a culture for learning which is based on high aspirations for all, is inclusive and accessible, celebrates success and diversity, promotes community cohesion, promotes participation, is safe for risk-taking, promotes quality teaching, learning and assessment, harnesses technology wisely and which raises levels of achievement for all.
- Develop collaborative approaches to leadership and learning for the benefit of all learners.
- Develop high quality learning environments, approaches to teaching and learning and programmes of learning which are accessible to all and in which day-to-day teaching is at least good.
- Promote a supportive, caring climate for learning to improve enjoyment of learning for all and to reduce levels of unacceptable behaviour and persistent absence.
- To promote social and emotional health and well-being.
- Improve the core skills of literacy, numeracy and ICT by supporting schools in developing effective strategies and teaching approaches geared to narrow achievement gaps.
- Develop and commission a range of targeted, early-intervention strategies/programmes to ensure all learners make progress, attend regularly, participate in learning and enjoy their learning.

What success looks like

High levels of learner satisfaction and well-being.

- More than 75% of young people report that they have good relationships (NI 50).
- Ofsted scores of more than 75% for effective leadership and management, promoting well-being, community cohesion and equality.
- Healthy schools targets are met.
- Increase the percentage of secondary schools judged as having good or outstanding standards of behaviour from 82% to 91% by 2011 (NI 86).
- Persistent absence rate below 4.76% (NI 87).
- No schools judged as requiring special measures (NI 89).
- A shared understanding and models of collaborative leadership that are used and developed across schools and phases.

Learners learn effectively and make at least 'good progress'.

- At least 86% of young people achieve 2 levels of progress Key Stage 1-2 in English (NI 93).
- At least 89% of young people achieve 2 levels of progress Key Stage 1-2 in Maths (NI 94).
- 100 pupils take up the 14-19 Diplomas offered (NI 90).
- Scores of more than 75% for Ofsted judgements in relation to the quality of learning and progress for pupils' and the quality of learning and progress for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities
- 82.3 % of children achieve at least 78 points across all 6 areas of learning at the Early Years Foundation Stage (NI 72).
- 82% of young people achieve level 4 or above in English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (NI 73).
- 56% of young people achieve 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent inc. English and Maths (NI 75).
- No schools with fewer than 55% of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (NI 76).
- No schools with fewer than 30% of pupils achieving A*-C inc. English and Maths at GCSE (NI 78).
- 76% of young people achieve a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19 (NI 79).
- 52% of young people achieve a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 (NI 80).
- Reduce the inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 by the age of 19 to 21% (NI 81).
- Reduce the inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 2 by the age of 19 to 60% (NI 82).
- 55% of young people achieve 2 or more A*-C grades in Science GCSEs or equivalents (NI 84).
- Increase the number of young people taking physical sciences post-16 – Physics (2008 = 109), Chemistry (2008 = 100) and Maths (2008 = 148)(NI 85).
- 1414 learners achieve a Level 1 qualification in Literacy (NI 161).
- 311 learners achieve a Level 1 qualification in Numeracy (NI 162).

Children and young people who are underachieving, disadvantaged in vulnerable circumstances, looked-after, at risk of exclusion and gifted or talented make at least the expected level of progress for their age and situation.

- Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest (target: between 32-35) (NI 92).
- 2 out of 5 children in care reach level 4 in English at Key S2 (NI 99).
- 2 out of 5 children in care reach level 4 in Maths at KS2 (NI 100).
- 3 out of 21 children in care achieve 5 A*-C GCSEs or equivalents at Key Stage 4 including English and Maths (NI 101).
- Reduce the achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at KS2 and KS4: KS2 = 20%; KS4 = 23% (NI 102).
- Reduce to 48% the gap between pupils who are identified as having special educational needs who achieve the expected national curriculum level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 and pupils who have not been identified as having special educational needs.
- Reduce to 41% the gap between pupils who are identified as having special educational needs who achieve 5 A*-C including English and Maths (NI 105).
- Reduce the gap in attainment at Key Stage 2 between all pupils and Black and Minority ethnic groups: Gypsy, Roma Travellers = 30%; Any other white = 72%; White/Black Caribbean = 75%; Black and White African Combined: 75% (NI 107).
- Reduce the gap in attainment at GCSE level for Black and Minority ethnic groups: Gypsy, Roma, Traveller = 25%; Any Other White = 63%; White/Black Caribbean = 45%; white and Black African Combined = 0%(NI108).

Priority 11: Improve engagement and enjoyment for all children and young people

Strategic actions

- Improving extended school services, out of hours learning, and a wide range of outdoor recreational and play activities and opportunities including volunteering.
- A programme of positive, out-of-hours/extra-curricular activities for children and families that involves innovative approaches to learning, play and recreation at a range of localities.
- Pyramids of schools to produce comprehensive development plans for out-of-hours learning and positive activities and submit these to the LA along with regular financial breakdowns of spend to date.
- Develop Playing for Success study support programme within Central Bedfordshire.
- Providing effective support for children who are not engaged with learning and are at risk of exclusion.
- Review support for the most vulnerable children and young people, developing and implementing an effective integrated service structure including locality based resources such as short stay schools or other effective interventions for children who are not engaged with learning and who are at risk of exclusion.
- Establish and strengthen behaviour and attendance partnerships within four geographical localities.
- Develop parental involvement from the start regarding support and consultation structures.

What success looks like

- 85% of schools meet the full core offer of extended services by Sept 2009 and all schools meet the full core offer by 2010.
- There is an increased range of opportunities within the community for **all** children and young people, including those with disabilities.
- All pyramids have a development plan in place that is being implemented, monitored and evaluated.
- Study support programmes are available including the establishment of Playing for Success hubs.
- Roles and responsibilities at all levels are understood resulting in improved behaviour with the number of exclusions reduced and improved attendance and reduction in number of NEETs.
- Guidance, support materials and directories of behaviour support are agreed, published and well-received by schools; Attendance rates (NI 87 Persistent absence rate below 4.76%), the number of 16-18 year olds in full-time education, training or employment (NI 117) and permanent exclusion rates (NI 114) show good improvement; Children and Young People respond positively to local and national surveys about the provision.

- Parent involvement is well established and all families and children have early access to intervention so behaviour and learning is improved and children are engaged in learning in mainstream settings.

Enjoy and achieve – supporting plans

- Transforming Learning/Building Schools for the Future (Business Transformation Project)
- Locality Based Services (Business Transformation Project)
- Workforce Development Strategy (Business Improvement Project)
- E-Learning Strategy
- Behaviour and Attendance Plan

Make a Positive Contribution

What we know

- Children and young people were allocated £600,160 in grants for positive activities resulting in 82 new projects across Central Bedfordshire over the last three years.
- Anecdotal evidence of a wide range of activities on offer for children and young people, however there is a need for greater co-ordination and marketing of these opportunities.
- There is a perceived gap in provision for 8-12 year olds in relation to positive activities.
- Children and young people with special education needs or a disability and those who are young carers, looked after or from particular communities are often unable to access universal provision.
- Costs and transport constraints stop some young people from accessing provision.
- Offending behaviour by young people has significantly reduced over the past 5 years.
- There are still too many young people in custody – 18 custodial events relating to 15 young people in 2008/2009 was a custody rate of 10.1%.

What we are going to do

Priority 12: Develop and promote children and young people's positive contribution to communities across Central Bedfordshire.

Strategic actions

- Develop a positive image campaign to promote and champion children and young people's achievement and contribution to their communities.
- Offer and promote positive activities for children and young people at key times including Friday evenings and weekends.
- Create opportunities for young people to engage in volunteering.
- Improve access to a range of high quality outdoor formal and natural play spaces.

What success looks like

- Positive images of young people on display consistently across partner agencies and within the wider community.
- Young people have a wide range of easily accessible volunteering opportunities.
- Relevant and meaningful youth provision across Central Bedfordshire on Friday evenings and weekends.
- Increase the percentage of year 10 students participating in positive activities from 73.9% to 77.9% by March 2010 and 82.9% by March 2011 (NI 110 – LAA priority).

Priority 13: Reduce youth offending and anti-social behaviour.

Strategic actions

- Reduce re-offending rates amongst young people.
- Reduce first time entrants into the Youth Justice System.
- Reduce the high level of custodial sentences.

What success looks like

- Achieving national and local targets relating to youth offending.
- Perception of crime reduced.
- To meet the national custody rate target of 5% - this would require 8 young people less to be sent to prison during 09/10.
- Sustain the successful development of Junior Youth Inclusion Projects aimed at vulnerable and challenging young people aged 8 -13.

Priority 14: Promote and provide activities and information for all children and young people and their families, ensuring that the hard to reach and those with disabilities can take part in mainstream activities.

Strategic actions

- Increase children and young people's participation in positive activities.
- Enhance and further develop accessible information, advice and guidance provision for children, young people and families and the professionals who work with them, through the design and development of the Central Bedfordshire Family and Youth Information Service.
- Ensure the quality of information provision through the development of a comprehensive, informative, advice and guidance strategy which meets national standards.
- Develop integrated working between providers to enhance existing opportunities for children, young people and families as part of the leisure and culture strategy.
- Develop and promote play, leisure, sport and cultural opportunities for children and young people of all ages and in particular those aged 8-12.
- Shape and deliver services in our youth and leisure centres, creating a welcoming and inclusive approach for children and young people with disabilities and special needs.

What success looks like

- Increase the numbers of young people participating in positive activities from 73.9% to 82.9% in 2011 (NI 110 – LAA priority).
- Accessible delivery mechanisms offering information, advice and guidance within local areas such as One Stop Shops, online and telephone advice services.
- Increased number of children and young people with disabilities and special needs using youth and leisure provision.
- Positive activity through Integrated Youth Support Provision supports young people's attainment and personal development through accredited awards.

Priority 15: Strengthen and improve relationships within families by encouraging positive parenting.

Strategic actions

- Strengthen communities through innovative family and community involvement.
- Implementing Think Family reforms across Children, Health and Adult services, developing protocols across Children's, Health and Adult services for identifying, referring and planning how the needs of other family members can be met alongside those of their client.
- Delivery of Parenting Early Intervention Programme.
- Support and maintain existing parenting support services.
- Delivery of the strengthening families 10–14 and Triple P parenting programmes across Central Bedfordshire.
- Start up and delivery of the Family Intervention Project, providing intensive support to families in the greatest difficulty with children at risk of offending.

What success looks like

- Increased number of parents completing parenting programmes or individual casework support.
- Improvements in parents and their children communicating effectively and respectfully. Parents demonstrating positive parenting and problem solving skills with greater belief in their competence.
- Parents surveyed reporting sustained benefits.
- 150-200 parents participating in evidence based parenting programmes annually.
- Increased number of parents (particularly fathers) participating in parenting programme demonstrating improvements in:
 - their knowledge and understanding of child development and behaviour;
 - positive parenting and problem solving skills and greater belief in the competence.

Make a positive contribution – supporting plans

- Integrated Youth Support Plan.
- Information, Advice and Guidance Strategy.
- Not in Employment Education or Training Strategy.
- Community Strategy.
- Cultural Strategy.
- Youth Offending Service Plan.
- Parenting Support Plan.
- Plan B plans.

Achieve Economic Wellbeing

What we know

- Children from poorer backgrounds are doing less well and are more likely to die from an accident in childhood, have low educational achievement, turn to crime, be poor as an adult and raise their own children in poverty.
- 27% of children in Central Bedfordshire live in low income families and 12% live in workless families. In parts of Houghton Regis and Dunstable between 45% and 50% of children live in low income households.
- The inequality gap at age 19 for achievement at either level 2 (GCSE or equivalent) or level 3 (A level or equivalent) places Central Bedfordshire in the bottom quartile.
- Low levels of young people going on to higher education in Tithe Farm (7.9%), Parkside (10.5%), Biggleswade Stratton (11.7%) and Sandy Pinnacle (12.8%) compared to England (24.3%). Northfields, Dunstable Central, Manshead, Planets and Houghton Hall also fall below the England average.
- Around 6% of 16 to 18 year olds are not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- 66.7% of care leavers in employment education and training which is above the national average (64.9%) but below the region and comparator authorities (68%).

What we are going to do

Priority 16: Develop a locality approach in reducing the number of young people Not in Employment Education (NEET) or training, targeting those areas with the highest NEET levels.

Strategic actions

- Develop one stop shop multi-agency settings in our four priority areas.
- Identify needs and interests of NEET young people and work with employers, colleges and training providers to develop appropriate opportunities.
- Ensure all young people receive a comprehensive and high quality programme of careers education, information, advice and guidance to support effective decision making in relation to learning and/or work.

What success looks like

- Reduce the percentage of young people not in education, employment or training from 5.8% to 5% by 2011 (NI 117, LAA priority).

Priority 17: Work with employers, colleges and schools to increase the range and quality of local training, volunteering and job opportunities.

Strategic actions

- Co-ordinate the promotion of local job opportunities.
- Increase the range of services in school settings.
- Provide increased training and work experiences for 14-16 year olds.
- Develop our workforce's ability to serve our customers.
- Develop apprenticeship opportunities within public services.
- Work with adult services to enable vulnerable groups of young people make a smooth transition to adulthood through more informed choices and opportunities to benefit from an enhanced range of education, employment and training.

What success looks like

- Provide more jobs, volunteering and training opportunities.
- Increase the number of apprenticeships available.

Priority 18: Inspire our most vulnerable young people to raise their aspirations and provide integrated support particularly to care leavers, young offenders, young carers, young people with physical and learning disabilities, gypsy and traveller children and teenage parents.

Strategic actions

- Provide support to parents of excluded children.
- Consult children and their families at regular intervals.
- Develop information sharing protocols with colleges and training providers to improve transition support at 16+.
- Ensure that as young people with a disability move into adulthood, they have access to the same life opportunities as everyone else.
- Actively engage with Aim Higher to raise the aspirations of young people.

What success looks like

- Every child leaving care has a pathway plan.
- Improved achievement of level 2 and 3 qualifications of vulnerable young people.
- Increased entrants into higher education.
- Increased number of care leavers and young offenders entering NEET category.
- Multi-agency transition plans for vulnerable young people moving into adulthood.

Achieve economic wellbeing – supporting plans

- Child poverty strategy
- Strategy for change
- Homelessness strategy
- Workforce strategy
- Economic strategy
- Cultural strategy

Appendix A: Managing our performance and resources

Delivery plans for each of the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan will be developed, managed and delivered through the five Every Child Matters Delivery Groups. These will set out the lead partner, strategic actions, the milestones and deliverables, the resource requirements (financial and human) the risks and the performance measures.

Every quarter the Delivery Groups will review progress and the Leads of the Delivery Groups will report on their performance to the Trust Board. A basket of critical success measures will be identified by each of the five Delivery Groups and these will form the basis of the quarterly reporting. Each Delivery Group will also identify a key priority indicator which will provide a particular focus for partnership working for the Trust and the Delivery Groups.

The Trust has also endorsed the following Local Area Agreement indicators as key priorities for the Children and Young People Plan.

- NI 51 Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHs) services – managed through the Be Healthy Delivery Group;
- NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6 – managed through the Be Healthy Delivery Group;
- NI 110 Young people's participation in positive activities – managed through the Make a Positive Contribution Delivery Group ;
- NI 115 Substance misuse by young people – managed through the Be Healthy Delivery Group; and
- NI 117 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) – managed through the Achieve Economic Well-being Delivery Group.

The Trust will be accountable to the Local Strategic Partnership for these National Indicators (NIs) which will be monitored by the Government through Go East.

The Trust Board also has an interest in influencing and monitoring a number of other Local Area indicators which are led by other Thematic Partnerships of the LSP but which are part of the broader families' agenda for Children's Trusts. These include:

- a. NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher;
- b. NI 8 Adult participation in sport;
- c. NI 116 Proportion of children in poverty (a local indicator in the Local Area Agreement);
- d. NI 198 Children travelling to school - mode of travel usually used; and
- e. NI 123 16+ current smoking rate prevalence.

As a new unitary area the performance framework includes a number of national and local indicators for which partners do not have either baseline or trend data. The Delivery Groups will be working to establish baseline information for these indicators so that partners can agree targets for future years. These will be agreed when the Children and Young People's plan and the delivery plans are reviewed.

Appendix B: Consultation with children and young people

The consultation with children and young people was conducted in 3 stages

Stage 1:

We asked a number of youth groups 'what they would like Central Bedfordshire to do for them'. Groups varied and included: Hurricane, Connexions Teenage Pregnancy group, Potton Travellers, Young Carers, Urban dance groups, Looked After Children, Youth Cabinet, African Caribbean and various disability groups. This exercise allowed the children and young people to say what they feel is a priority for them.

The total number of children and young people consulted was 550.

Stage 2:

Following on from stage 1, we then collated all of the answers and produced a questionnaire that was then taken into 3 lower schools (Meppershall, Hadrian and Robert Peel) 3 middle schools (Parkfields, Burgoyne and Edward Peake) and 3 upper schools (Stratton, Samuel Whitbread and Sandy). Using a voting system the children and young people were asked to vote for their 1st and 2nd choice on what service providers should do for them. The second stage was fun and interactive, with the children, young people and teachers being able to see the results straight away.

The total number of children and young people consulted was 1050.

Stage 3:

To test that we had understood children and young people's priorities we then organised a final consultation exercise. Based on what the children and young people said in stage 1 and stage 2, we then produced a questionnaire which set out 'What young people have told us' and 'What we are going to do'. The main aim of the consultation was to clarify that we understood what the children and young people of Central Bedfordshire were saying to us. Stage 3 involved visiting different lower, middle and upper schools. Schools who took part in stage 3 included: Potton Lower, St Georges Lower, Thomas Johnson Lower, Southill Lower, Hitchmead Special School, Henlow Middle, Arnold Middle, Holmemead Middle, Redborne Upper, Vandyke Upper, Queensbury Upper and Harlington Upper, 2670.

In addition to this we had 81 responses online.

The total number of children and young people consulted with were **4351**.

By undertaking three different stages of consultation we have achieved both qualitative and quantitative results from children and young people who live or go to school in Central Bedfordshire. All of the results have been broken down further into: gender, demographical area, schools and ethnicity.

Appendix B

How the partners of the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Trust have developed the Plan

1. During April 2009, to start the process of developing the plan, partners analysed local evidence and looked at the findings from the first two stages of the consultation with children and young people to help build up our local picture of needs and aspirations.
2. During April and May a series of workshops were held with partners to begin the work of developing the plan. As part of this process stakeholders reviewed the local evidence, consultation feedback, equalities issues and completed a self assessment in relation to workforce development issues.
3. A number of priorities emerged through this process and they formed the basis for our consultation with children, young people, families and stakeholders during June and July.
4. Throughout August the Every Child Matters Delivery Groups met to consider feedback and finalise the draft of the plan. Feedback was from a range of sources including the public consultation with children, young people and their families, from partner agencies and from Central Bedfordshire Council's Children, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
5. On 3 September the Trust Board received the final draft for discussion, sign off and adoption.

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Appendix C

Consulting Children and Young People on the priorities for the plan

1. Consultation with children and young people has played a significant part in the development of the Children and Young People's plan and has happened in three phases:
2. In January we consulted with a number of youth groups to help us identify the priorities we should consult on. For this part of the consultation we spoke to 550 children and young people.
3. During February and March we took the results from phase one and produced a questionnaire that was then taken into lower, middle and upper schools. Using an interactive voting system the children and young people were asked to vote for their 1st and 2nd choice priorities. The second stage was fun and interactive, with the children, young people and teachers being able to see the results straight away. 1050 children and young people were involved at this stage in the consultation.
4. The final phase happened in June and July alongside the online consultation for parents and stakeholders. A questionnaire was developed and made up of two sections: 'What young people have told us' and 'What we are going to do'. The main aim of the consultation was to show that we had listened to children and young people and ask them whether they agreed with what we were planning to do. This final stage involved visiting lower, middle and upper schools and 2670 children and young people took part. We also had 81 responses to the online version of the questionnaire.
5. In total 4351 children and young people have given us their views on what they would wish to see as priorities in our plan. We will be developing a children and young people's summary version of the plan so that they can easily see what we plan to do and also to show that we have listened.
6. In the final phase of this consultation 79% of children and young people agreed that what we were planning to do matched what they had asked us to do.
7. Further details on involving children and young people and this aspect of the consultation can be found in the plan and in Appendix B of the plan.

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Response from the Children, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the Priorities for the Children and Young People's Plan for Central Bedfordshire



1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 11 August 2009 the Children, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the draft Children and Young People's Plan for Central Bedfordshire with a view to:
- providing general comments on the plan and the engagement with children and young people in developing the plan;
 - commenting on the emerging priorities of the plan;
 - agreeing how the scrutiny committee wished to scrutinise the Children and Young People's Plan at future meetings.
- 1.2 The following provides a response agreed by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee in regard of those areas discussed at the meeting. This response has been presented to the Children's Trust board so as any appropriate amendments can be made prior to the CYPP being adopted. The response will also be presented to the Executive of Central Bedfordshire Council for consideration.

2. General Comments

- 2.1 The foreword to the plan did not emphasise that it was a shared vision developed in partnership with the Children's Trust. The plan needed to emphasise that a partnership approach was in place to deliver the plan and that the plan was not solely the property of Central Bedfordshire Council.
- 2.2 Concerns were raised that the consultation had not adequately involved children and young people in the poorest areas of Central Bedfordshire. Whilst these concerns were raised the Committee did not feel this should prevent them agreeing the CYPP although the Children's Trust was advised to consider the importance of wide consultation when developing proposals for the annual review in 2010.
- 2.3 It needed to be ensured that an efficient programme was in place to review the plan that enabled the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide input in a timely way to officers. The Committee considered the programme for annually reviewing the CYPP and raised concerns that there might not be adequate opportunities to amend priorities or targets throughout the year.
- 2.4 The CYPP contained too much jargon, which needed to be removed if it was to be used as a public document.
- 2.5 The Plan did not contain enough stretch targets to drive improvement in the areas defined as a priority. The Children's Trust Board needed to encourage all statutory partners such as the Police and the Primary Care Trust to develop challenging measures of success that would encourage greater levels of improvement.
- 2.6 Sections detailing strategic actions and what success would look like were in many cases too vague. The CYPP lacked clear priorities and targets and there needed to be greater clarity of lead partners and those that were responsible for achieving targets so they could be held to account.

- 2.7 The Committee considered that the provision of good housing was key as a means of achieving many of the targets set out in the plan. It was important that the delivery plans, which would be developed alongside the CYPP emphasised the importance of good housing in order to achieve economic well-being targets.
- 2.8 The ability of Council services to provide early intervention was considered critical. The CYPP needed to ensure that partners worked together to enhance early intervention leading to better outcomes for children and young people.
- 2.9 The CYPP should emphasise the importance of schools providing access to facilities out of hours for community use. Ofsted inspections would require schools to show how they were linked to the local community and this could be a means of enhancing community cohesion.
- 2.10 The Committee also considered the importance of the many statutory education indicators which, although they were included in the body of the CYPP were not very prominent and were not included in the basket of Local Area Agreement indicators. The Committee agreed it would be appropriate to recommend to the Local Strategic Partnership that the Local Area Agreement indicators should make reference to the statutory education indicators and the importance of a partnership approach towards their achievement.

3. Emerging Priorities of the CYPP

- 3.1 The Committee raised concerns that the priorities contained in the covering report provided by the Deputy Chief Executive/ Director of Children, Families and Learning did not match those detailed in the CYPP. Members requested that officers reviewed the priorities in the plan to ensure that each of the priorities detailed in the body of the report to the Committee were included.
- 3.2 Priority 4 of the CYPP needed to emphasise the importance of providing more opportunities for children and young people to keep fit.
- 3.3 Priority 5 of the CYPP needed to emphasise the importance of short-break services and provision made available by Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of respite and palliative care. There needed to be more targets contained within this priority detailing what success in transforming services for disabled children would look like.
- 3.4 Priority 12 needed to emphasise the importance of youth clubs as a means of minimising anti-social behaviour and promoting children and young people's positive contribution to communities, particularly in areas of deprivation.
- 3.5 Priority 14 refers to developing and promoting play, leisure, sport and cultural opportunities for children and young people aged 8 to 13 years. Members felt that provision in this age band in particular needed to be strengthened and the importance of provision for physical education should be stressed.

4 Scrutinising the Children and Young People's Plan

- 4.1 The Committee considered how it wished to engage in the future scrutiny of the CYPP. It was agreed that that Committee would scrutinise each of the 5 delivery areas of the plan in turn at its meetings as follows:
- 05 January 2010: Enjoy and Achieve
 - 02 February 2010: Achieve Economic Well-Being
 - 30 March 2010: Make a Positive Contribution
 - 27 April 2010: Stay Safe
 - 25 May 2010: Be Healthy
- 4.2 The purpose of each of these meetings would be to discuss in detail with partners the delivery

of the specific area of the plan. The Committee will request appropriate partners and external witnesses to attend meetings in order to consider levels of performance in relation to key priorities and provide comments to be included in the annual review of the plan.

- 4.3 The Committee agreed that whilst they would consider each area in turn they would not be prohibited from considering cross-cutting issues that were not the focus of that particular meeting. The work programme would also be flexible to enable officers to amend dates where it was felt that a particular issue required immediate attention.

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Appendix E

Partners' response to Children, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee's comments on the Children and Young People's Plan

Overview and Scrutiny comments	Response and amendments made
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The foreword of the plan should emphasise that it is a partnership plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The foreword of the plan now refers to a 'shared' vision and it is undersigned by the names and logos of all partners.
2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised that the consultation had not adequately involved children and young people in the poorest areas of Central Bedfordshire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust will review its approach when developing proposals for consultation when the plan is reviewed.
3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised about the jargon that is used in the plan and members wanted this removed if the plan was going to be used as a public document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the plan and a young person's version of the plan will be the main public documents and these will be jargon free.
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan did not contain enough stretch targets to drive improvement in priority areas. The Children's Trust needs to encourage all statutory partners to develop challenging measures of success. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible stretching targets have now been included for all priorities in the CYPP, however this is still an area for development. As a new unitary authority we still have to establish a baseline for some priorities and once this is done targets will be set.
5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections detailing strategic actions and what success looks like were in many cases too vague. The CYPP lacked clear priorities and targets and there needed to be greater clarity of lead partners and those that were responsible for achieving targets so that they could be held to account. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a delivery plan for each of the priorities in the CYPP and these will clearly set out lead partner, strategic actions, the milestones and deliverables, the resource requirements (financial and human) the risks and the performance measures. This will enable rigorous monitoring and challenge.
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of good housing is key as a means of achieving many of the targets set out in the plan. It is important that the delivery plans emphasise the importance of good housing in order to achieve economic well-being targets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing stable accommodation has been highlighted as a key strategic action in the cross cutting priority to reduce child poverty. This cross cutting priority is monitored through the Economic Wellbeing Delivery Group.

- 7 • The CYPP needs to ensure that partners work together to enhance early intervention leading to better outcomes for children and young people.
- 8 • The CYPP should emphasise the importance of schools providing access to facilities out of hours for community use.
- 9 • The Committee also considered the importance of the many statutory education indicators and agreed it would be appropriate to recommend to the Local Strategic Partnership that the Local Area Agreement indicators should make reference to the statutory indicators and the importance of a partnership approach towards their achievement.
- 10 • Priority 4 of the CYPP needs to emphasise the importance of providing opportunities for children and young people to keep fit.
- Improving prevention, early identification and intervention is a key cross cutting priority for the plan. This priority will be supported by a delivery plan which will enable the Trust to monitor performance and progress on outcomes.
- The following strategic actions will drive the use of schools facilities out of hours:
- Improving extended school services, out of hours learning, and a wide range of outdoor recreational and play activities and opportunities including volunteering
 - A programme of positive, out-of-hours/extra-curricular activities for children and families that involves innovative approaches to learning, play and recreation at a range of localities
 - Pyramids of schools to produce comprehensive development plans for out-of-hours learning and positive activities and submit these to the LA along with regular financial breakdowns of spend to date
- Statutory education indicators with targets have now been included in the CYPP.
- The following have been added to this priority:
- Strategic action: Ensure the delivery of 2 hours of physical activity per week in schools, moving towards 5 hours per week where possible
 - Measure of success: All schools delivering 2 hours per week of physical activity (NI57)

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 - Priority 5 of the CYPP needs to emphasise the importance of short-break services and provision made by Central Bedfordshire in respect of respite and palliative care. There needs to be more targets contained within this priority detailing what success in transforming services for disabled children would look like.
 - The main national indicator (NI 54) for this priority which measures parents' satisfaction with health, social care and education provision for disabled children is new. The DCSF collect and provide the information for the indicator and a baseline will only be available in April 2010.
 - The following measure has been amended in the plan to be more specific: A substantial increase and step change in short break provision which offers a range of options so that every disabled child and family can be offered a short break by 2011.

- 12
 - Priority 12 needs to emphasise the importance of youth clubs as a means of minimising anti-social behaviour and promoting children and young people's positive contribution to communities, particularly in areas of deprivation.
 - The strategic action to 'offer and promote positive activities for children and young people at key times including Friday evenings and weekends' includes the full range of options including 'youth clubs'. The following new key measure of success has been added to this priority - 'relevant and meaningful youth provision across Central Bedfordshire on Friday evenings and weekends'.

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 - Priority 14 refers to developing and promoting play, leisure, sport and cultural opportunities for children and young people aged 8 to 13 years. Members felt the age range should be widened.
 - This strategic action has been broadened to include all age ranges.

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Forward Plan of Key Decisions
1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010**

- 1) During the period from **1 October 2009 to 30 September 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

3) Those items identified for decision more than one month in advance may change in forthcoming Plans. Each new Plan supersedes the 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 questions about the Plan such as specific dates, should be addressed to the Head of Democratic Services, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ.

4) The agendas for meetings of the Executive will be published as follows:

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
15 September 2009	7 September 2009
13 October 2009	5 October 2009
10 November 2009	2 November 2009
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

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Key Decisions

Date of Publication:

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1.	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.	13 October 2009	Assistant Director Housing Services	Report	<p>Clr Mrs Rita J Drinkwater Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Basil Quinn, Housing Asset Manager Performance basil.quinn@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5118</p>
2.	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.	13 October 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	<p>Clr David McVicar Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Alan Fleming, Project Director, Sustainable Communities alan.fleming@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228608</p>

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3.	Members Acceptable Use Policy -	To approve the Policy governing use by Members of CBC provided ICT equipment.	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Caroline Carruthers, Assistant Director Property & ICT caroline.carruthers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 8000
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.	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Assistant Director Business Transformation & Customer Services clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168
5.	Property Acquisitions and Disposals Monitoring -	Standing item for key decisions and quarterly basis monitoring and reporting of all property transactions	13 October 2009	Items will have been reviewed and assessed by the CBC Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG).	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk k Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
6.	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 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: James Robinson-Morley, Lead Commissioner (Carers & Service User Engagement) james.robinsonmorley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6681

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7.	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 16/09/09 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
8.	Leighton Linlade Community Football Development Centre -	to agree a way forward for developing the football development centre at Astral Park.	13 October 2009	Leighton Linlade Town Council Sport England	Report	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 16/09/09 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
9.	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 16/09/09 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

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10.	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.	13 October 2009		Report	<p>Clr Tom Nicols Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: John Austin, Interim Head of Transport Strategy john.austin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228687</p>
11.	Review of Fees and Charges -	To review the Fees and Charges.	13 October 2009		Report	<p>Clr Maurice R Jones Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254</p>
12.	Review of Capital Programme -	To review the Capital Programme	13 October 2009		Report	<p>Clr Maurice R Jones Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254</p>

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13.	The Central Bedfordshire Response to the Green Paper "Shaping the Future of Care Together" -	Shaping the Future of Care Together, the long-awaited green paper on the future of care and support system that is fairer, simpler and more affordable to everyone. It highlights the challenges faced by the current system and the need for radical reform of care and support services which will ensure everyone in England will have access to a National Care Service. It also offers several options for debate and proposes the establishment of a national care service. Contributions from our local public consultation event on 14 & 16 October will help to inform our response to the Government's Green Paper.	13 October 2009	Public Consultation event tbc	"Shaping the Future of Care Together" www.dh.gov.uk/publications	Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Patricia Coker patricia.coker@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5521

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14.	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 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Ian Porter, Assistant Director Service Policy, Partnerships & Performance ian.porter@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276067
15.	Procurement Strategy -	To approve the Council's Corporate Procurement Strategy which is a requirement of the National Procurement Strategy published by CLG.	13 October 2009	RIEP	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Robert Gregan, Head of Procurement robert.gregan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276570
16.	Property Services Review -	To report on the process for reviewing future delivery of property services for CBC.	13 October 2009	CAMG All Service Areas Stakeholders	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
17.	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 16/09/09 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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18.	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 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
19.	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 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Jon Cliff, Special Projects Manager jon.cliff@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4373
20.	Lease of Potton Community Centre -	To authorise the execution of a lease to Potton Town Council to use the premises for a Community Centre for Lifetime Learning until 31 March 2031 at a peppercorn rent. The lease will be for a balance of 22 years.	13 October 2009	Items will have been reviewed and assessed by the CBC Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG)	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 16/09/2009 to Contact Officer: Caroline Carruthers, Assistant Director Property & ICT caroline.carruthers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 288595 / 07825034761

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21.	Local Transport Plan -	To approve Draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) for consultation.	13 October 2009	Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 29 September 2009.	Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer John Austin, Interim Head of Transport Strategy john.austin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228687
22.	Improvements to Tiddenfoot and Dunstable Leisure Centre -	Approval of up to £52,000 from the capital programme for improvements to Tiddenfoot and Dunstable Leisure Centre	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239
23.	Long Term Accommodation Plan -	Consideration of the approach and options for CBC long term office accommodation.	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 16/09/09 to Contact Officer: Caroline Carruthers, Assistant Director Property & ICT caroline.carruthers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
24.	Award of the re-roofing contract to housing properties district wide -	To approve the awarding of the contract to housing properties district wide	10 November 2009	Assistant Director Housing Services	Report	Cllr Mrs Rita J Drinkwater Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Ian Johnson, Housing Asset Manager ian.johnson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5202

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25.	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
26.	East of England Plan Review to 2031 -	The Council response to a consultation by the 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, Head of Development Plan richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105
27.	Business Transformation Strategy -	To set out ambition, priorities and outcomes for the Council's Transformation over the next 5 years.	10 November 2009		Report	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Assistant Director Business Transformation & Customer Services clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168

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28.	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, Head of Development Plan richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105
29.	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, Head of Development Plan richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611105

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30.	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
31.	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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32.	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
33.	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
34.	Planning Enforcement Policy -	To approve the policy that sets out the principles within which the Enforcement Team will use the planning enforcement function of the Council.	10 November 2009		Report and Draft Policy	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Sue Cawthra, Enforcement & Appeals Team Leader sue.cawthra@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611369

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35.	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 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Julie Ogley, Director of Social Care, Health & Housing julie.ogley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611221
36.	Luton-Dunstable Guided Busway -	To receive the Tender Returns and recommendations to progress the scheme.	8 December 2009		Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: John Austin, Interim Head of Transport Strategy john.austin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228687
37.	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

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38.	Equalities Scheme -	Approval of the Council's Equality and Diversity Scheme which sets out the Council's vision and approach to ensuring all sections of the community get high quality services appropriate to their need and also sets out how the Council will meet its legal responsibilities to ensure equality and diversity is integrated in to its service planning, delivery and human resource systems.	8 December 2009	Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation Divisional Management Teams CBC Equalities Forum Officer Workshops (June - October 2009) The development of the Scheme has included consideration of national and local consultation evidence relating to the nature of inequality.	Report Draft Scheme and Action Plan	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Elaine Malarky, Head of Policy elaine.malarky@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228269
39.	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 Tel: 0300 300 4239

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40.	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
41.	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
42.	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 Support patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6821

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43.	Approval of Economic Participation Programme Investment Strategy 2010/11	To approve the priorities and plan to spend the Economic Participation funds for 2010/11 provided by EEDA to support people into employment.	8 December 2009	LSP and Thematic Partnership for Environment and Economy	Report and Draft Investment Strategy	Cllr Ken C Matthews Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Sarah Hughes, Head of Regeneration and Skills sarah.hughes@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6166
44.	Future of Special Schooling in the East of the Authority -	To decide on the future of special schooling in the east of the Authority following consultation.	8 December 2009	Formal Consultation 14/09/09 - 23/10/09	None.	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
45.	Transforming Teaching and Learning: The process and principles for the development for Strategy for Change -	To agree the process and principles to ensure that work on development of the Strategy for Change can progress.	8 December 2009		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Assistant Director Learning & Schools Support Email: patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6821

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46.	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
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 Support patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk tel: 0300 300 6821

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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.	Fostering, Adoption and Private Fostering Policy -	To agree the policy which sets out what as an authority we will do to ensure that children who become looked after have their permanence secured through fostering or adoption and how we support these placements.	12 January 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
52.	Transforming Teaching and Learning: Strategy for Change -	To approve the Strategy for change which sets out the educational vision for the Authority reflecting the wider Every Child Matters agenda.	12 January 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer Patrick Shevlin, Assistant Director Learning & Schools Support patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6821

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53.	Revenue Budget -	Determination of the Revenue Budget for 2010/11.	9 February 2010		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 10/01/10 to Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services matt.bowmer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4254
54.	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 10/01/10 to Contact Officer: Jeanette Keyte, Community Safety Manager jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0845 849 6252
55.	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

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56.	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 10/01/10 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
57.	Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document for Central Bedfordshire -	Adoption of the Planning Obligations Strategy as a Supplementary Planning Document for Central Bedfordshire, following the updating and combination of the adopted Mid Bedfordshire Planning Obligations Strategy and the emerging South Bedfordshire Strategy.	9 February 2010		None.	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 10/01/10 to Contact Officer: Pru Khimasia, Senior Planning Officer pru.khimasia@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611473
58.	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: Sandra Moore, Head of Public Protection (South) sandra.moore@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5298

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59.	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
60.	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	Thematic 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
61.	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
62.	Play Strategy -	To agree the strategy which will improve the lives of children and young people by delivering high quality and innovative play opportunities and experiences across Central Bedfordshire.	9 March 2010		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

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63.	Child Poverty Strategy -	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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64.	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
65.	Looked After Children and Young People Policy -	To adopt the care Matters pledge which sets out the minimum standards and commitments of Central Bedfordshire to children in its care in line with the Children Act 1989, the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 and the Leaving Care Act 2000.	9 March 2010	Children and Young People Children in Care Council Corporate Parenting Panel	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.	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 Support patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6821
67.	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.	6 April 2010		None.	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/03/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
68.	Site Allocations DPD for Submission -	To agree the site allocations DPD for submission. This relates to the LDF North area.	6 April 2010	Stakeholders Members of the Public Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Report and draft document	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 10/03/2010 to Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Plan richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4105

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69.	Safeguarding Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board -	To receive the report of the LCSB which sets out how the Central Bedfordshire and Partners have met their statutory duties of the authority and how we will work with partner agencies locally to ensure that children are safe.	4 May 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 07/04/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
70.	Gypsy and Traveller DPD for Submission -	To agree the Gypsy and Traveller DPD for Submission. This relates to the LDF North area.	4 May 2010	Stakeholders Members of the public Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Report and draft document	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 07/04/2010 to Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Plan richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4105

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