



TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

22 September 2009

Dear Councillor

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL - Thursday 24 September 2009

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following additional items that were marked as to follow:-

2. Minutes

Please find attached the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 10 September 2009.

7. Recommendations from the Executive

Please find attached the recommendation from the Executive meeting held on 15 September 2009 on the Children and Young People's Plan 2009 – 2010.

Please note that the Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership Community Safety Plan 2009-2011 and the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2009 – 2010 were endorsed with no amendments by the Central Bedfordshire Local Strategic Partnership Board at their meeting on 22 September 2009.

8. Recommendations of the Constitution Advisory Group

Also attached is an amendment to the recommendation at item 1 'Overview and Scrutiny Constitutional Changes'.

Also note that the fifth paragraph on page 31 under item 1 refers to guidance at Appendix D to the report submitted to the Constitution Advisory Group. This may be accessed on the website using the following address:-

[http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/Published/C00000651/M00003191/AI00016566/\\$appendixd.docA.ps.pdf](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/Published/C00000651/M00003191/AI00016566/$appendixd.docA.ps.pdf)

Please note that on page 35 the page numbers in the brackets under the recommendation should refer to pages “61 to 66” and not “55 to 60”

If Members wish to access the agenda and reports for the meetings of the Constitution Advisory Group they are available on the website at the following addresses:-

21 July 2009:-

[http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/Published/C00000651/M00003191/\\$\\$ADocPackPublic.pdf](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/Published/C00000651/M00003191/$$ADocPackPublic.pdf)

25 August 2009:-

[http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/Published/C00000651/M00003199/\\$\\$ADocPackPublic.pdf](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/Published/C00000651/M00003199/$$ADocPackPublic.pdf)

14. Ward Presentations

Please note that this item will be considered after agenda item 16.

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

Yours sincerely

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At an extraordinary meeting of the **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL** held at Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Thursday, 10 September 2009

PRESENT

Cllr B J Spurr (Chairman)
Cllr P Hollick (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs	R A Baker	Cllrs	M R Jones
	Mrs A Barker		J Kane
	A R Bastable		D J Lawrence
	R D Berry		Mrs J G Lawrence
	L Birt		Mrs A M Lewis
	D Bowater		S F Male
	A D Brown		K C Matthews
	Mrs C F Chapman MBE		Ms C Maudlin
	J A E Clarke		J Murray
	N B Costin		Mrs M Mustoe
	I Dalgarno		T Nicols
	Mrs R J Drinkwater		P Rawcliffe
	P A Duckett		A A J Rogers
	Dr R Egan		J A G Saunders
	A Fahn		K Sharer
	Mrs J Freeman		Miss A Sparrow
	P Freeman		R Stay
	Mrs R B Gammons		J Street
	M Gibson		G Summerfield
	Mrs S Goodchild		A M Turner
	Ms A M W Graham		Mrs C Turner
	T Green		Mrs P E Turner MBE
	Mrs C Hegley		P F Vickers
	D J Hopkin		B Wells
	J G Jamieson		P Williams
	R W Johnstone		J N Young
	D Jones		

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs P N Aldis
P A Blaine
D J Gale
Mrs D B Gurney
K Janes
H J Lockey
D McVicar
A Northwood
Ms J Nunn
A Shadbolt
P Snelling

PRAYERS

Reverend Mark-Aaron Tisdale, Rector of Clifton led the Council in prayer.

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Members' Interests

(a) **Personal Interests:-**

None.

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

None.

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Chairman's Announcements and Communications

The Chairman took the opportunity to mention the sad loss of Mayor Frank Branston, the Mayor of Bedford Borough Council who died on 14 August 2009 and that he would be sadly missed. Bedford Borough Council would be holding mayoral elections on 15 October 2009 to fill the vacancy.

The Chairman announced that he had attended many events, but in particular he highlighted the Girlguiding Centenary Year. He had attended an event along with 2,600 girlguides from all over Bedfordshire, which had been a very enjoyable day. He congratulated Councillor Fahn for dressing up as Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scout Association, and debating why the Girlguiding UK was needed.

The Chairman was pleased to advise Members that Central Bedfordshire Council had been nominated in the Association for Public Service Excellence Awards 2009 for the Best Elected Member Development Initiative. The Head of Organisational Capability was attending the award ceremony on 10 September in Cardiff.

Central Bedfordshire Council had also been shortlisted for the best Traffic Flow Improvement Scheme of the Year for the Leighton Buzzard Traffic Calming scheme. The award ceremony was due to be held in London on 22 October 2009.

The Chairman commented on the Leighton Buzzard Station Travel Plan that was due to be considered by the Executive on 15 September. He congratulated Officers as he believed it was a very good document. The Plan sought to reduce the transport impacts of Leighton Buzzard station by encouraging station users to travel to the station by non-car modes of transport. It also offered a good opportunity for tackling a number of railway station related issues affecting residents in Leighton Buzzard.

C/09/23 **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

The Chairman announced that there were no applications from members of the public to speak under the Public Participation Procedure.

C/09/24 **Recommendation from General Purposes Committee - Electoral Review of Central Bedfordshire: Council Size**

The Council considered recommendations from the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27 August 2009, with regard to the proposed submission to be made in response to the consultation by the Boundary Committee for England on the Council Size for Central Bedfordshire.

The recommendations were introduced by the Chairman of the Electoral Arrangements Review Working Group. He explained that after informal consultation with officers of the Boundary Committee for England, it had been suggested that the submission would benefit from certain amendments which would better reflect the work carried out by the Council, in reaching its conclusions. The suggested amendments were circulated at the meeting as follows:

- paragraph 4.7 to be replaced in its entirety with the following text:

“The National Census of Local Authority Councillors 2008 indicates that across all authorities, members hold on average 3.7 committee or sub-committee seats. Using this average of each member sitting on 3.7 committees would result in 37 councillors being required to fill the remaining non-executive seats.”
- paragraphs 12.6 and 12.7 be replaced with the paragraphs shown below and that the remaining paragraphs from 12.6 to 12.8 be renumbered 12.8 to 12.10:

“12.6 Consideration was given to a range of Council sizes from 62 to 70. The effect of a number below 66 councillors would be to increase the number of committee memberships to a figure greater than the national average. This was considered unacceptable as it had already been established that councillors at Central Bedfordshire were required to devote to council and community activities a far greater proportion of their time than the national average figure.

12.7 Whilst a figure below 66 councillors would result in higher than average figures for both committee memberships and time spent on council and community activities, it was not considered to be either appropriate or necessary to seek a greater number of councillors than the number of 66 fixed by the Secretary of State in The Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008.”

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

1. ***that the recommendation that there should be 66 elected Councillors for Central Bedfordshire be endorsed; and***
2. ***that the submission to the Boundary Committee for England on Council Size for Central Bedfordshire be approved, subject to the above amendments.***

(Note: The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and concluded at 6.55 p.m.)

COUNCIL MEETING – 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

**Recommendations to Council from the Executive:
15 September 2009**

(b) 15 September 2009

**Minute CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES
No. PLAN 2009 - 2010
E/09/58**

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Mrs Anita Lewis, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services seeking endorsement of the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan.

The Children and Young People's Plan, produced by the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Trust and a requirement under the Children's Act 2004, is the single, statutory, strategic overarching plan for all services which directly affect children and young people in the area. It shows how all relevant partners will integrate provision to improve well-being across all five Every Child Matters outcomes and focuses on specific challenges and priorities.

The Executive was advised that Children and Young People's Plans are key in setting out an area's strategic intentions for children, young people and families and provide the basis against which local authorities and partners will be inspected and assessed. The Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Trust agreed that the plan would be in place for eighteen months so that emerging guidance and legislation expected later in 2010 could inform the new plan that is likely to need to be published in 2011.

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services in moving the recommendation congratulated the Children's Trust, formed in March 2009, for its hard work in developing the plan.

During consideration of the plan and in receiving the comments from the Children, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 11 August, members noted the Trust's response to the Committee's comments and subsequent amendments that it had made to the plan.

In response to a number of questions and comments raised by members the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services advised that the Children and Young People's Plan would be reviewed on an annual basis. As the plan was an overarching document, delivery plans were required for each of the priorities which would be considered at the next meeting of the Children's Trust in October 2009.

Reason for decision: To ensure that Central Bedfordshire Council meets its statutory duty as set out in the Children Act 2004 to co-operate with partners to produce a Children and Young People's Plan for all local services for children and young people. To meet the duty this plan is written in partnership with other agencies.

RESOLVED:

That the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan be endorsed.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan be adopted.

Council Meeting

24 September 2009

Agenda Item No. 8: Recommendations of the Constitution Advisory Group

Item 1 Overview and Scrutiny Constitutional Changes

In the light of a conflict between the terms of reference of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and paragraph 13 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as to how matters falling within the remit of more than one overview and scrutiny committee should be dealt with, it is proposed that an additional recommendation 3. be moved as follows:-

RECOMMENDED:

- 3. that the following be deleted from the end of the terms of reference of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in Paragraph 1.1 of Part D1:-**

“or is not within the remit of any other overview and scrutiny committee”.

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