



**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL**

08 April 2015

Dear Councillor

**COUNCIL - Thursday 9 April 2015**

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following information:-

**5. Petitions**

To receive and discuss the petition from Mrs Mansfield:

**“SAVE ROECROFT FIELD**

The undersigned request Central Bedfordshire Council to return this field to its original state of mature trees surrounded by grass. We also request that the fields be designated as a local green space of value to the community. Stotfold has had more than its fair share of housing since 2001; we need to retain and enhance our green spaces and not lose them.

This is the last remaining green space in the centre of Stotfold.”

**9. Recommendations from the Executive**

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the Executive, 31 March 2015 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

(i) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the Planning Obligations Strategy.

(ii) Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015-2016.

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Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Committee Services on Tel: 0300 300 4040.

Yours sincerely

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**Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting  
held on 31 March 2015**

**E/14/135. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the Planning Obligations Strategy**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Regeneration that outlined the findings of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) viability refresh report, the recommended CIL charges and alternative options. The recommended rates included a 30% buffer, however, further evidence was being sought on the case for reducing this to 20%, as this would increase the CIL revenue for infrastructure.

The Executive Member for Regeneration amended recommendation 1 ii) to non residential schemes as set out in paragraph 15 and not 16 as set out in the report.

In response to questions, the Executive Member for Regeneration explained the house price value zones in Central Bedfordshire, but a full written response would be provided to the relevant Member. He confirmed that any new sustainable urban extensions would be exempt from CIL. Further work on the collection and distribution of CIL was still required.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to implement the charging of CIL.

***RECOMMENDED to Council***

- 1. that the proposed CIL charging rates be approved for:**
  - (i) residential schemes as set out in paragraph 12 of the Executive report;***
  - (ii) non residential schemes as set out in paragraph 15 of the Executive report.***
  
- 2. that the Draft Charging Schedule and draft Regulation 123 list be approved for the purposes of publication and submission to the Secretary of State for Examination;**
  
- 3. that subject to endorsement by Council, authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Business, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration, to:**
  - (i) agree changes to the buffers;***
  - (ii) agree minor changes prior to publication of the Regulation 123 List, future exemptions from CIL and payment plan timeframes;***
  - (iii) agree minor modifications as a result of the consultation prior to submission; and***
  - (iv) agree minor modifications during examination if suggested by the Inspector.***

**RESOLVED** that the Draft Revised Planning Obligations Strategy be approved for consultation.

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**E/14/140. Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015 - 2016**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Services that set out the proposed Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan for endorsement. The Plan reflected the Partnership Strategic Assessment, which analysed crime and disorder in Central Bedfordshire and identified the emerging priorities that needed to be tackled.

In response to a question, the Executive Member for Children's Services welcomed priority one; reducing harm to vulnerable victims and increasing their confidence to report domestic abuse, sexual abuse and hate crime which Children's Services monitored very carefully.

It was noted that the reference to theft from a vehicle appeared twice on page 7 of the Plan. The second reference should read theft of a vehicle. The increase in vehicle theft had been linked to serious organised crime.

Reason for decision: The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 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.

**RESOLVED**

**that the Strategic Assessment and the Community Safety Partnership Priorities be endorsed.**

***RECOMMENDED to Council***

***that the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015 – 2016 be adopted.***

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