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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

26 September 2017

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - Thursday 28 September 2017

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

11. Motions

To consider a motion received from the Leader of the Council under Part 4A, Rule No. 17 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

12. Written Questions

To answer a written question from Councillor David Lawrence under Part 4A, Rule No. 13.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

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

Yours sincerely

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Item 11 - Motions

To consider a motion received from the Leader of the Council under Part 4A, Rule No. 17.

This Council is very concerned at the proposed levels of housing growth identified for Central Bedfordshire as a result of the change to standard methodology for calculating housing need set out in the 'Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places" Consultation. This significant increase is not credible, places an unfair burden on Central Bedfordshire and is undeliverable. It undermines the Council and our communities' investment in our aspirations for Central Bedfordshire to plan growth effectively, including the necessary supporting infrastructure. We strongly urge Government to review the calculation for Central Bedfordshire and extend the transition period to enable Central Bedfordshire to submit its plan under the current numbers.

Council therefore authorises the Executive to take the appropriate steps to secure meaningful adjustments to the proposed methodology to address our concerns and calls on local MPs to lend their support in this endeavour.

Proposed by: Councillor James Jamieson

Seconded by: Councillor Nigel Young

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Written Questions

To consider a written question received from Councillor David Lawrence under Part 4A, Rule No. 13.2.

Can I be assured that no further housing will be approved by this Council until adequate commitments are made by Central Government to the infrastructure of the A1 corridor in Central Bedfordshire.

Such commitments to include a new A1 at motorway status relieving the inadequate A1 current road, a transport hub in central Biggleswade with improved station facilities, car parking, bus terminal and a bridge over the railway south of Biggleswade and HGV ban in town centre.

These facilities are needed to meet the deficit of the past, the current consultation and any further expansion suggested by Central Government.

The costs are well beyond Local Government budgets and involve both Network Rail and The Highways Agency and thus a strong Local lobby is requested as any compromise would be failure to retain the quality of life for current residents.

Meanwhile can any plan to use CBC land assets outside approved boundaries be delayed for the allowed 2 years to allow it to become part of the consultation for the future and not set the wrong precedents for ruthless developers.

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