

# Creating Central Bedfordshire

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## ***NOTICE OF MEETING***

<b><i>Meeting:</i></b>	<b>CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE SHADOW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b><i>Date:</i></b>	<b>THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2009</b>
<b><i>Time:</i></b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>
<b><i>Venue:</i></b>	<b>COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, DUNSTABLE</b>

Jaki Salisbury  
Interim Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE SHADOW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Cllrs Mrs P Staples (Chairman), A R Bastable(Vice-Chairman), P N Aldis, R A Baker, R G Baker BEM, L Birt, A Fahn, R Goodwin, D Hogan, J Kane, H J Lockey and G Summerfield

All other Members of the Council - on request

***MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS  
MEETING***

## AGENDA

S1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence and notification of substitute member appointments.

S2. **MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 22 January 2009.

(to follow)

S3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If any

S4. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

To receive from Members declarations and the **nature** thereof in relation to:-

- (a) Personal Interests in any Agenda item
- (b) Personal and Prejudicial Interests in any Agenda item

S5. **DECLARATION IN RELATION TO THE EXISTENCE OF A WHIP**

To receive declarations from Members (if any) in relation to the existence of a whip. (Procedure Rule No. 16 refers)

S6. **REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

No requests for agenda items under the terms of Rule No. 8 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules have been received.

<b>REPORTS</b>
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<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
S7	<b>MID BEDFORDSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) MEMBER TASK FORCE - CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS APRIL - JUNE 2009</b> <i>(To request the Shadow Scrutiny Committee to establish a Mid Bedfordshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Member Task Force for the period April to June 2009 to allow continuation of the current programme of business. (Contact Officer: Simon Andrews Tel: 01462 611352))</i>	* Director of Corporate Resources
S8	<b>REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN</b> <i>(To comment on the revenue budget for 2009/10 and medium term financial plan. (Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer Tel: 01462 611254))</i>	* Director of Corporate Resources

***Members are asked to bring with them the Financial Section of their Shadow Executive Agenda 17 February 2009.***

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<b>SHADOW SCRUTINY</b>
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<b>19 February 2009</b>
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Mid Bedfordshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Member Task Force – continuation of business April – June 2009.</b>  (To request the Shadow Scrutiny Committee to establish a Mid Bedfordshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Member Task Force for the period April – June 2009 to allow continuation of the current programme of business)
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES</b>
<i>Contact Officer: Simon Andrews, Acting Forward Plans Manager (01462 611352)</i>	

**IMPLICATIONS**

<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	None
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	None
<b>LEGAL</b>	The LDF, when adopted, will be part of the statutory Development Plan.
<b>PERSONNEL/EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>	None
<b>COMMUNITY DEV/SAFETY</b>	None
<b>TRADES UNION</b>	None
<b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	None

<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO REPORT</b>
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LDF Member Task Force – Terms of Reference
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<b>RECOMMENDATION(S):</b>
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**That:-**

- 1. Six members be appointed to the Mid Bedfordshire LDF Member Task Force for the period 1 April to 4 June 2009 to allow continuation of the current programme of business; and**
- 2. The Terms of Reference of the Mid Bedfordshire LDF Member Task Force be amended to specifically refer to the Mid Bedfordshire area.**

## **Background**

1. A Member Task Force has been set up to oversee work on the Mid Bedfordshire Local Development Framework (LDF). The terms of reference of this Task Force are attached. The Task Force does not have any decision-making powers but was created by Mid Bedfordshire's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to advise the Executive or the Director of Environment and Planning Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, on important issues throughout the LDF process. The current Chair of the Task Force is Cllr Dennis Gale and the other Members are Cllr Alan R Bastable, Cllr P Nigel Aldis, Cllr Mrs Rita J Drinkwater, Cllr John Lewis, Cllr Ken C Matthews.
2. The LDF process in South Beds is undertaken on a joint basis with Luton Borough Council and the decision-making body is the South Beds and Luton Joint Committee. For South Beds, the scrutiny function is undertaken by the Growth Area Committee and it is not currently envisaged that the Growth Area Committee will need to meet between 1 April and 4 June. The Mid Beds and South Beds/Luton LDFs are proposed to remain separate until both are adopted around 2011.
3. The first meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Sustainable Communities following the elections in June 2009 will need to consider the scrutiny arrangements for LDF business going forward. However, in order to continue progressing the LDF work in Mid Bedfordshire it will be necessary to allow the continuation of the LDF Task Force for the period from 1 April until the elections in June.
4. Members are therefore recommended to appoint six Members to the LDF Task Force covering the current area of Mid Bedfordshire.

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## **Appendix 1 – LDF Member Task Force – Terms of Reference**

<b><i>Background Papers:</i></b>	N/A
<b><i>Location of Papers:</i></b>	N/A
<b><i>File Reference:</i></b>	N/A

# **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW TASK FORCE**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **1. Aims**

To work with officers to examine matters of process and detail in the preparation of the Local Development Framework.

### **2. Tasks**

- a) to ensure close Member involvement in LDF preparation;
- b) to consider all technical work that will inform the LDF and ensure production is kept on track;
- c) to ensure the Statement of Community Involvement, once adopted, is being adhered to;
- d) to review all draft LDDs for consideration by the Executive and to consider new Supplementary Planning Documents (replacing Supplementary Planning Guidance);
- e) to oversee monitoring and delivery of the LDDs;
- f) to consider the need for any delegated powers necessary to improve speed of delivering the LDF.

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