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NOTICE OF MEETING

EXECUTIVE

Date & Time

Tuesday, 12 May 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

Venue

Council Offices, High Street North, Dunstable

Jaki Salisbury
Interim Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the EXECUTIVE:

Cllrs	Mrs P E Turner MBE	–	Chairman and Leader of the Council
	P Penman	–	Vice Chairman of the Executive and Deputy Leader of the Council
	M R Chapman	–	Support across all Portfolios
	N B Costin	–	Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families)
	Mrs R J Drinkwater	–	Portfolio Holder (Business Transformation)
	M R Jones	–	Portfolio Holder (Corporate Resources)
	K C Matthews	–	Portfolio Holder (Sustainable Development)
	P Rawcliffe	–	Portfolio Holder (Social Care, Health and Housing)
	D Ross	–	Support across all Portfolios
	P Snelling	–	Portfolio Holder (Safer and Stronger Communities)
	R Stay	–	Support across all Portfolios
	J Street	–	Support across all Portfolios

All other Members of the Council - on request

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

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record, the enclosed Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 14 April 2009.

3. **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

4. **DISCLOSURE OF ANY EXEMPT INFORMATION**

To consider proposals, if any, to deal with any item likely to involve disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 prior to the exclusion of the press and public.

5. **PETITIONS**

To receive petitions in accordance with the scheme of public participation set out in Annex 2 in Part 4 of the Constitution.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To deal with general questions and statements from members of the public in accordance with the scheme of public participation set out in Appendix A referred to in the Public Participation Scheme.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC

REPORTS

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
7	Grant Aid The report recommends that the Executive adopt the proposed criteria for the awarding of grant aid.	* 7/1 – 7/25
8	Appointment of Local Authority School Governors The report proposes a process for the appointment of local authority governors to school governing bodies in Central Bedfordshire following the election in June.	* 8/1 – 8/5
9	School Admissions Forum - Membership The report proposes amendments to the membership of the Admissions Forum that was agreed by Shadow Executive on 28 October 2008, following new regulations and a new School Admissions Code which came into force in February 2009.	* 9/1 – 9/8
10	Members' ICT Provision Policy To report proposes an ICT Provision Policy for Members. (Report to follow)	+
11	RSS14: East of England Regional Spatial Strategy Single Issue Review Consultation - Planning for Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation: Proposed Changes (April 2009) To consider the Council's response to the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the single issue review of RSS14 relating to Gypsy and Traveller accommodation across the East of England.	* 11/1 – 11/15

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| 12 | Milton Keynes and Central Beds Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Working for the South East Expansion Area | * 12/1 – 12/8 |
| | <p>The report outlines the details and purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Working with Milton Keynes Council regarding the growth of Milton Keynes in the South East Strategic Development Area (SE SDA) and seeks Member endorsement of the joint working arrangements.</p> | |
| 13 | Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme | * 13/1 – 13/34 |
| | <p>To present Members of the Executive with the revised Local Development Scheme (timetable for production of the Local Development Framework for Minerals and Waste).</p> | |
| 14 | Council Housing Rent Increase for 2009/10 | * 14/1 – 14/6 |
| | <p>The report proposes that the annual rent increase for council housing, only recently agreed as part of the council's budget for 2009/10, should be reduced in line with the Government's more recently published, and revised, guideline rent increase for 2009/10. This increase to be applied from the 29th June 2009 and to be payable over the remaining 37 rent weeks of the year 2009/10.</p> | |
| 15 | Consolidation Plan - Progress Report | * 15/1 – 15/4 |
| | <p>To report on overall progress of the Business Transformation Consolidation Plan as requested at the Executive of the 14 April 2009.</p> | |
| 16 | Sustainable Communities Act 2007 | * 16/1 – 16/4 |
| | <p>To consider a request from Councillor Lawrence, at Appendix A to this item, for the Executive to advise of the actions it proposes to take in connection with the Sustainable Communities Act 2007. A briefing note prepared by the Director of Sustainable Communities in respect of the Act is attached at Appendix B.</p> | |
| 17 | Luton Gateway: Company Incorporation and Board Membership | * 17/1 – 17/4 |
| | <p>The report proposes the next steps in the establishment of Luton Gateway as the local delivery vehicle serving Luton/Dunstable/Houghton Regis and Leighton Buzzard/Linslade growth area.</p> | |

18 **BEaR Project Land Purchase Option Agreement** 18/1 – 18/6
 Appendices A
 & B separately
 numbered

The report proposes that Central Bedfordshire Executive approve the signing of the option agreement to secure the preferred site for a waste treatment plant at Rookery South Pit near Stewartby. In doing so they commit the capital investment to undertake the option upon planning permission being granted.

19 **Audit Minutes - 6 April 2009** * 19/1 – 19/5

To receive the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 6 April 2009.

20 **Forward Plan** +

To receive the Forward Plan for the period 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2010 to be published on 8 May 2009.

(to follow)

21 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider whether to pass a resolution under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that the consideration of the item is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**ITEM LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED
 FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE
 PUBLIC**

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