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NOTICE OF MEETING

EXECUTIVE

Date & Time

Tuesday, 15 September 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
	R Stay	–	Vice Chairman of the Executive / Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder (Business Transformation)
	Mrs R J Drinkwater	–	Portfolio Holder (Housing)
	Mrs C Hegley	–	Portfolio Holder (Social Care and Health)
	M R Jones	–	Portfolio Holder (Corporate Resources)
	Mrs A M Lewis	–	Portfolio Holder (Children's Services)
	S F Male	–	Portfolio Holder (Culture and Skills)
	K C Matthews	–	Portfolio Holder (Economic Growth and Regeneration)
	D McVicar	–	Portfolio Holder (Safer and Stronger Communities)
	T Nicols	–	Portfolio Holder (Sustainable Development)

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. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If any.

3. **MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 18 August 2009 (to follow).

4. **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

5. **PETITIONS**

To receive the following petitions in accordance with the Scheme of Public Participation set out in Annex 2 in Part 4 of the Constitution:

1. To curb speeding traffic on St Neots Road, Sandy – A petition has been received from the residents from Banks Drive, Windsor Way and St Neots Road, urging Sandy Town & Central Bedfordshire Councils to take action to curb speeding traffic on St Neots Road.
2. To reduce the speed limit in Everton Road, The Heath – A petition has been received from local residents asking the Council to support an application to reduce the speed limit in Everton Road, The Heath to 40mph bearing in mind the number of accidents that occur at the junctions at either end plus there is no footpath for children to use to meet the school bus. The footpath opposite for pedestrian access is not safe enough for an adult and child to walk along side of each other which is due to no maintenance over the last ten years and has reduced the original width.

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 to the Public Participation Scheme.

REPORTS

**Cllr Maurice Jones - Portfolio Holder for
Corporate Resources**

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
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7	Budget Management Report 2009/10 as at 31 July 2009	* 1 - 22
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To provide information on the budget position at 31 July 2009 to enable decisions to be taken on resource allocation and service delivery.

8	Energy Contracts	* 23 - 28
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The report proposes that Central Bedfordshire Council uses the Central Buying Consortium's flexible energy contract for electricity and gas supplies to Council buildings for the period 2009-2012

**Cllr Mrs Anita Lewis - Portfolio Holder
for Children's Services**

9	Central Bedfordshire Children's and Young Peoples Plan 2009 - 2010	* 29 - 34
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This report presents the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan and seeks the endorsement of the Plan by Executive.

10 **Transforming Learning in Central Bedfordshire** * 35 - 58

This report provides an update on the progress made by the Learning Transformation Board since March 2009 and also recommends outline principles for the development of an educational vision and principles for any future review of school organisation for Central Bedfordshire.

This report also provides an outline of the statutory process for proposals to make changes in school provision and details three transitional issues where an Executive decision is sought.

[NOTE: Recommendation g is exempt from call-in in accordance with the provisions of Rule No.15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.]

Cllr David McVicar - Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities

11 **Supported Local Bus Services - Budget Pressure 09/10** * 59 - 88

The report explains why various local bus services are supported by the Council and outlines a strategy to avoid over spending in the current financial year.

12 **Dog Warden and Pest Control Services** * 89 - 92

The report requests the Executive to award the Dog Warden and Pest Control Services Contract.

Cllr Steve Male - Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills

13 **Playbuilder Programme** * 93 - 112

To approve the proposal to appoint the contractor to build DCSF funded play spaces.

Cllr Tom Nicols - Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development

- 14 **Leighton Buzzard Station Travel Plan** * 113 - 196

This report seeks Executive approval and support for the Leighton Buzzard Station Travel Plan, which will seek to reduce the transport impacts of Leighton Buzzard station by encouraging station users to travel to the station by non-car modes of transport.

Councillor Rita Drinkwater- Portfolio Holder for Housing

- 15 **Empty Homes in Central Bedfordshire - Use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders** * 197 - 240

The report proposes the use of enforcement powers available to the council in respect of problematic long term empty private sector homes in the district. In particular the report recommends the forming of a partnership with Pathmeads Housing Association, which will enable the council to use Pathmeads expertise to manage any properties that could be subject to Empty Dwelling Management Orders.

Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley - Portfolio holder for Adult Social Care and Health

- 16 **Refurbishment of House 3 Houghton Lodge in to Office accommodation** * 241 - 248

The report proposes that Executive endorse the refurbishment of House 3 at Houghton Lodge, Ampthill which is a domestic dwelling into an office.

Cllr Richard Stay - Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation

- 17 **Decisions taken by Directors on Grounds of Urgency** * 249 - 260

The Executive are asked to note the contents of this report.

18 **Forward Plan**

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To receive the Forward Plan which covers the period from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010. (To follow)

Exclusion of the 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 I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Report

**Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley - Portfolio Holder
for Social Care and Health**

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19	NHS Campus Closure - Capital Grant	* 2, 3	261 - 294

The report proposes approval for spending of Department of Health capital grant allocation on Learning Disabilities NHS Campus Closure projects.

[NOTE: This item is exempt from call-in in accordance with the provisions of Rule No.15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.]

**Cllr Mrs Rita Drinkwater - Portfolio Holder
for Housing**

Item	Subject	Exempt Para.	Page Nos.
20	Award of the decent homes (kitchen / bathroom refurbishment) contract	* 3	295 - 306

To approve the awarding of the contract to Housing properties district wide.