

Central Bedfordshire
Council
Priory House
Monks Walk
Chicksands,
Shefford SG17 5TQ



please ask for Devina Lester
direct line 01234 228857
date 17 July 2009

NOTICE OF MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Monday, 27 July 2009 9.30 a.m.

Venue at

Room 15, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Jaki Salisbury
Interim Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Cllrs D J Lawrence (Chairman), R A Baker (Vice-Chairman), Mrs A Barker,
D Bowater, T Green, A Shadbolt and P Snelling

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs: L Birt, P A Blaine, B J Spurr and Mrs C Turner]

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**

Apologies for absence and notification of substitute members

2. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If any

3. **MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 29 June 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 Petitions in accordance with the scheme of public participation set out in Annex 2 to Part A4 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.

7. **DISCLOSURE OF 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.

REPORTS

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
8	Update on Annual Governance Statements (Report to follow)	*
9	Bedfordshire County Council Statement of Accounts 2008/09 This report presents the Bedfordshire County Council Statement of Accounts 2008/09 to the Audit Committee for approval.	* 1 - 4
10	South Bedfordshire District Council Statement of Accounts 2008/09 This report presents the South Bedfordshire District Council Statement of Accounts 2008/09 to the Audit Committee for approval.	* 5 - 8
11	Mid Bedfordshire District Council Statement of Accounts 2008/09 This report presents the Mid Bedfordshire District Council Statement of Accounts 2008/09 to the Audit Committee for approval.	* 9 - 12
12	Anti Fraud and Whistleblowing Policies An Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy has been produced for Central Bedfordshire, in consultation with officers and the Unions. The Confidential Reporting (“Whistleblowing”) Policy, originally included within the Ethical Framework of the Constitution, has been amended to incorporate officers’ roles and responsibility and other feedback from relevant officers and Unions.	* 13 - 38
13	Members’ Allowances - Payments made by Legacy Authorities for the year ending 31 March 2009 The report provides information as to the Payments made by Legacy Authorities under their respective Schemes of Members’ Allowances for the year ending 31 March 2009 together with the allowances paid by Central Bedfordshire Shadow Council. (Appendices b and d to follow)	* 39 - 46
14	Future Work Programme	*