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NOTICE OF MEETING

EXECUTIVE

Date & Time

Tuesday, 6 April 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

Venue

Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the EXECUTIVE:

Cllrs	Mrs P E Turner MBE	–	Chairman and Leader of the Council
	R Stay	–	Deputy Leader of the Council
	Mrs R J Drinkwater	–	Portfolio Holder (Housing)
	Mrs C Hegley	–	Portfolio Holder (Social Care and Health)
	M R Jones	–	Portfolio Holder (Finance, Governance and People)
	Mrs A M Lewis	–	Portfolio Holder (Children's Services)
	S F Male	–	Portfolio Holder (Customers, Systems and Assets)
	K C Matthews	–	Portfolio Holder (Economic Growth, Skills & Regeneration)
	D McVicar	–	Portfolio Holder (Safer Communities & Healthier Lifestyles)
	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. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 9 March 2010.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

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. **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements and matters of communication from the Chairman.

5. **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.

6. **Petitions**

To consider the following petition received in accordance with the Scheme of Public Participation set out in Annex 2 of Part A4 of the Constitution:

- Central Bedfordshire Council be called upon to provide a public swimming facility in Sandy for the benefit of the people of Sandy and Beeston and the surrounding parishes.

7. **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 Part A4 of the Constitution.

REPORTS

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

- 8 **Statutory proposals to merge Sunnyside and Hitchmead Special Schools** * 21 - 94

The report requests that the Executive approve the statutory proposals published on 15th January 2010 to discontinue Hitchmead Foundation Special School and make an enlargement by expansion to Sunnyside Community Special School, with effect from 31 August and 1 September 2010 respectively.

- 9 **Approval of Schools Capital Projects and Programmes** * 95 - 166

The report invites the Executive to approve the commencement of a number of schools' capital projects, to note the approval of capital schemes under delegated powers and to approve the Schools Accessibility Strategy for Central Bedfordshire.

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

- 10 **Homelessness Strategy** * 167 - 256

The report proposes that the Executive endorse the adoption of a statutory Homelessness Strategy for Central Bedfordshire that will run from April 2010 to March 2015.

**Cllr David McVicar - Portfolio Holder for
Safer Communities & Healthier
Lifestyles**

- 11 **Central Bedfordshire, Energy and Recycling (BEaR) Project - Business Case Approval** * 257 - 314

This report, through approval of the recommendations seeks the endorsement by the Executive of the BEaR Project Business Case.

The report includes detail of the revised project scope, funding options, and affordability envelope for the BEaR Project. It also seeks to refresh the project as a bespoke project for Central Bedfordshire.

- 12 **Community Safety Partnership Plan 2010 - 2012** * 315 - 348

The Council Executive agreed this statutory Community Safety Partnership Plan and support the priorities going forward to full Council.

**Cllr Richard Stay – Deputy Leader of the
Council**

- 13 **Web Development Strategy** * 349 - 384

The report proposes the implementation of a corporate web strategy as fundamental to the transformation of Council services.

- 14 **The Central Bedfordshire Council Communication Strategy** * 385 - 398

The report proposes a communications strategy for the Council to enhance customer satisfaction.

- 15 **Forward Plan** *

To receive the Forward Plan of Key Decisions which covers the period from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2011 inclusive.

(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 items of business on the grounds that the consideration of the items are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

REPORTS

Item	Subject	Exempt Para.	Page Nos.
EX1 (11)	Central Bedfordshire, Energy and Recycling (BEaR) Project - Business Case Approval - Exempt Appendix	* 3	399 - 406
	To consider the exempt Appendix.		
EX2	Lease of Health Centre, Bedford Square Community Centre to Bedfordshire PCT	* 3	407 - 414
	To approve the terms for a 10 year lease at market rent.		