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NOTICE OF MEETING

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (ANNUAL MEETING)

Date & Time

Thursday, 18 June 2009 at 6.30 p.m.

Venue at

Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Jaki Salisbury
Interim Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

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

AGENDA

Prayers to be taken by the
Reverend Richard Andrews

1. **Apologies**

The Chairman to ask the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic to announce any apologies received in advance of the meeting. The Chairman to ask the meeting if there are any other apologies to be recorded.

2. **Election of Substitute Chairman**

To elect a person to preside if the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent.

3. **Election of Chairman 2009/10**

To elect the Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2009/10. The retiring Chairman (or if absent the retiring Vice-Chairman or substitute Chairman) will call for nominations for Chairman and each nomination must be seconded. Members may speak in support of the nominations.

(Note: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 20.7, if more than one nomination is received, a show of hands will be conducted).

The appointed Chairman to sign and read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. **Election of Vice-Chairman 2009/10**

To elect the Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2009/10. The Chairman will call for nominations for Vice-Chairman and each nomination must be seconded. Members may speak in support of the nominations.

(Note: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 20.7, if more than one nomination is received, a show of hands will be conducted).

The appointed Vice-Chairman to sign and read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. **Election of Leader of the Council 2009/10 and 2010/11**

In accordance with B5 Council Procedure Rule No. 2.3 and C1 Executive Arrangements paragraph 3.1, the Chairman to invite nominations for the election of the Leader of the Council for the period until the next election of all members of the Council in 2011.

6. **Minutes**

To receive and sign the Minutes of the meetings of the Councils of the predecessor authorities as follows:

- (i) Central Bedfordshire Shadow Council – 26 February 2009
- (ii) Bedfordshire County Council – 26 March 2009
- (iii) Mid Bedfordshire District Council – 26 March 2009
- (iv) South Bedfordshire District Council – 31 March 2009

7. **Member's 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

8. **Chairman's Announcements and Urgent Communications**

If any

9. **Public Participation**

The Chairman to preside over any questions, statements, deputations or petitions from members of the public (this session is to be held at the Chairman's discretion and will normally last no more than 15 minutes).

The Chairman to inform Members of any request to speak before any individual item on this Agenda in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure set out in A4 Citizens and the Council, Appendix A.

10. **Report of the Returning Officer**

The report outlines the outcome of the election to the new Central Bedfordshire Council.

(Report attached – pages 10/1 to 10/12)

11. **Appointment of Members, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to Committees and Other Council Bodies 2009/10**

The report outlines the requirements for member appointments to committees and other Council bodies, including political proportionality. Nominations from group leaders will be circulated separately.

(Report attached – pages 11/1 to 11/17)

12. **Scheme of Council Delegations to Officers**

In accordance with Full Council Procedure Rule 2.2.2.11, to confirm the Scheme of Delegation to officers as set out in Part H3 of the Constitution.

13. **Local Development Framework (Rural Area): Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document Examination**

To report proposes that Council delegates authority to the Director of Sustainable Communities in consultation with the Sustainable Development Portfolio Holder to make minor changes to the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document.

(Report attached – pages 13/1 to 13/3)

14. **Composition of the Executive and Proposed Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions**

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council regarding the composition of the Executive for the coming year, the names of the Councillors appointed to the Executive and the responsibilities to be held by those Councillors together with a record of the proposed Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions. (Executive Procedure Rule C4 1.2 refers)

15. **Appointments to the Joint Selection Committee (for Bedfordshire Police Authority) and the Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority 2009/10**

The report outlines the requirements for member appointments to these two bodies, as previously agreed. Nominations from group leaders will be circulated separately.

(Report of the Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic attached – pages 15/1 to 15/5)

16. **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

To authorise the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic, in consultation with the Group Leaders, to make appointments to the outside bodies listed in the schedule attached to this agenda for the period until the Council election in 2011.

(Report of the Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic attached – pages 16/1 to 16/22)

17. **Members' Allowances Scheme 2009/10**

To consider the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance to the 4 former non-portfolio Members of the Executive and an enhanced Special Responsibility Allowance for the Deputy Leader of the Council, who served as Vice-Chairman of the Executive without Portfolio, for the second transitional period, that being the period from 1 April 2009 until the fourth day after the ordinary election on 4 June 2009.

(Report of the Director of Corporate Resources attached – pages 17/1 to 17/3)