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NOTICE OF MEETING

EXECUTIVE

Date & Time

Tuesday, 12 January 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:

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| 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 (Leisure 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. **MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 8 December 2009.

(to follow)

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. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

5. **PETITIONS**

To receive any petitions in accordance with the Scheme of Public Participation set out in Annex 2 of 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 to the Public Participation Scheme.

7. **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.

REPORTS

**Cllr David McVicar - Portfolio Holder for
Safer and Stronger Communities**

| Item | Subject | Page Nos. |
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| 8 | Policy Approach to Enforcement of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and Associated Legislation | * 7 - 58 |

The report proposes to consider how the Council, through its Sustainable Communities Directorate implements the range of environmental duties (including environmental crime) for which it is responsible, under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and associated legislation.

**Cllr Ken Matthews - Portfolio Holder for
Economic Growth and Regeneration**

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| 9 | Review of Growth Area Fund Round 3 (GAF3) Programmes | * 59 - 66 |
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The report proposes revised growth area fund programmes in the two growth areas in the light of the Government's reductions to the capital allocations in 2010/11.

**Cllr Tom Nicols - Portfolio Holder for
Sustainable Development**

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| 10 | Design in Central Bedfordshire - A Guide for Development Supplementary Planning Document | * 67 - 78 |
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The report considers the responses following public consultation on the draft Central Bedfordshire Design Guide and Design Supplements and recommends adoption of the documents as a Supplementary Planning Document for the consideration and determination of planning applications for development.

**Cllr Richard Stay - Portfolio Holder for
Business Transformation**

- 11 **Business Transformation Strategy - phase 1 - Total Place Pilot Project** * 79 - 88

The report provides an update on the current progress of the Total Place Pilot Project as a forerunner to and illustration of the principles which will be embedded within the Business Transformation Strategy.

A presentation will be made to the Executive prior to discussion of this item.

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

- 12 **Adoption & Fostering** * 89 - 128

The report proposes the adoption of policies for the Council's adoption and fostering services.

- 13 **The Development of a Single Children's Workforce in Central Bedfordshire** * 129 - 150

The report presents the Central Bedfordshire Children's Trust's Strategy for Children's Workforce Development and seeks the endorsement of the Strategy by the Executive.

- 14 **2009 Annual Assessment of Children's Services** * 151 - 156

The report presents the first annual performance rating for Central Bedfordshire Children's Services.

- 15 **Raising Achievement in Central Bedfordshire's Schools** * 157 - 162

The report sets out the direction of policy to raise achievement in Central Bedfordshire's schools.

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

| Item | Subject | Page Nos. |
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| 16 | Award of Contracts (Construction and Furniture) for the Interim Accommodation Plan The report proposes the award of construction contracts related to the Interim Accommodation Plan. | * 163 - 168 |
| 17 | ICT Infrastructure Capital Budget 2009/10 The report proposes rectifying an omission of funds from the 2009/10 Capital Programme. | * 169 - 178 |
| 18 | Members Allowances Scheme 2010/11 The report sets out the situation with regard to the work being carried out by the Independent Remuneration Panel, which should culminate with recommendations at a further meeting on 21 December 2009. | * 179 - 182 |
| 19 | Strategic Risk Register This report seeks the approval of the Strategic Risk Register. | * 183 - 186 |
| 20 | Proposed Voluntary Severance Scheme The report proposes the establishment of a voluntary severance scheme to aid the reduction in staffing as a result of budget pressures and reorganisation. | * 187 - 198 |
| 21 | Treasury Management Strategy The report proposes a revised strategy in response to changes in two key codes and increased risk in investment markets. | * 199 - 238 |
| 22. | FORWARD PLAN | |

To receive the Forward Plan for the period 1 February 2010 to 1 January 2011.

(to follow)

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.

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| 23. | Disaggregation of the Assets of the former Bedfordshire County Council The report proposes the basis of an agreement with Bedford Borough Council on the split of assets of the former County Council. (to follow) | * 3 | |
| 24. | Award of Contracts (Construction and Furniture) for the Interim Accommodation Plan (Exempt Appendices B & C) (to follow) | * 3 | |