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NOTICE OF MEETING

EXECUTIVE

Date & Time

Tuesday, 10 November 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

Venue

**Council Chamber, Council Offices, High Street North,
Dunstable**

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	–	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. **MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of Executive held on 13 October 2009.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If any.

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 of Part A4 of the Constitution:

1. Repair of the footpaths in Southfields, Shefford – A petition has been received from residents objecting at the state of the disrepair of the footpaths in Southfields, Shefford and asking that the highways section put repairs to the footpaths in Southfields at the top of their agenda.
2. Objection to the withdrawal of the 97 bus service - A petition has been received from residents in Stotfold and Fairfield Park objecting to the withdrawal of the 97 bus service. The petition explains that the 97 bus service is the only one connecting Stotfold and Fairfield Park to Letchworth and Hitchin with all their services including the mainline railway station. The petitioners consider it is essential for those without transport, for shopping, recreation, hospital and medical visits. The petition also states that many commuters do not wish to use their cars and many youngsters use the bus service.

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 Ken Matthews - Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Regeneration
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Item	Subject	Page Nos.
7	Town Centre Management	* 17 - 54
	The report proposes a new process for Town Centre Management and the removal of Town Centre Management Committees from the Central Bedfordshire Constitution.	
8	Job Growth Investment Programme	* 55 - 82
	The report proposes priorities for the Job Growth Investment Programme, and seeks authority to progress legacy capital projects.	
9	Economic Participation Programme (2009 / 10 Capital Programme)	* 83 - 140
	The report seek Executive approval to proceed with the externally East of England Development Agency funded capital programme for 2009/10	

Cllr David McVicar - Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
10	Winter Maintenance within Central Bedfordshire	* 141 - 152
	The report proposes a process for a reduction in the normal salting network if extenuating circumstances are experienced that make it impossible to continue to salt the publicised Priority 1 network.	

11 **Planning Enforcement Policy** * 153 - 178

The report proposes approval of the policy that sets out the principles within which the Planning Enforcement and Appeals Team will use the planning enforcement function of the Council.

12 **East of England Plan Review - Consultation** * 179 - 202

- (a) To consider the report proposing that the Council comments on the scenarios for housing and economic growth.
- (b) To consider comments and recommendations from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 27 October 2009 (to follow).

13 **LDF (North): Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document** * 203 - 384

- (a) The report proposes consideration of this Development Plan Document (DPD) in advance of consideration by Council for formal adoption. This follows the recent Public Examination and Inspector's Report
- (b) To consider comments and recommendations from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 27 October 2009 (to follow).

[NOTE: Members are asked to retain the report circulated seperately for consideration at Council on 19 November 2009]

14 **The Planning Obligations Strategy Supplementary Planning Document for Central Bedfordshire North.** * 385 - 556

The report proposes the adoption of the Planning Obligations Strategy Supplementary Planning Document alongside the adoption of the Core Strategy and Development Management Development Plan Document for Central Bedfordshire North.

15 **LDF (North): Site Allocations Development Plan Document** * 557 - 570

- (a) The report proposes consideration of this draft Development Plan Document (DPD) in advance of consideration by Council for pre-submission public consultation and submission to the Secretary of State.
- (b) To consider comments and recommendations from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 27 October 2009 (to follow).

[NOTE: Members are asked to retain the report for consideration at Council on 19 November 2009]

16 **Wingfield Court - Ampthill** * 571 - 580

The report proposes that Central Bedfordshire Council provide capital funding to Aragon Housing Association, up to £175k, to undertake the conversion of an existing sheltered scheme to Extra Care Housing.

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

17 **Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults Annual Report for 2008/09** * 581 - 602

This report proposes that the Executive endorse the annual report (2008/09) of the Adult Safeguarding Board for Bedfordshire covering the last twelve months of the County Council's operation and the period leading up to creation of two new unitary local authorities.

18 **The Central Bedfordshire Response to the Green Paper "Shaping the Future of Care Together"** * 603 - 618

The report provides a summary of the options proposed in the Green Paper for adult social care 'Shaping the Future of Care Together'. The Green Paper highlights the challenges faced by the current care system and the need for radical reform, to develop a National care service that is fair, simple and affordable for everyone.

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

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
19	Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy The report proposes the adoption of the attached Corporate Commissioning and Procurement Strategy 2009/10.	* 619 - 640
20	Budget Management Report The report provides information on the budget position as at 30 September 2009 to enable decisions to be taken on resource allocation and service delivery	* 641 - 656
21	Review of Fees and Charges 2010/11 Following the work of the Fees and Charges Member Working Group, this report sets out the Fees and Charges recommended to apply from 1 st April 2010.	* 657 - 704
22	Review of Capital Programme The report presents a review of the 2009/10 Capital Programme and proposes a revised 2009/10 Capital Programme to the Executive for recommendation to the Council for approval.	* 705 - 768

[NOTE: Members are asked to retain the report for consideration at Council on 19 November 2009]

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

23	Central Bedfordshire Council Response to the recommendations arising from the Laming Report The Report advises the Executive of the actions being taken by the Council in response to Lord Laming's Report March 2009 following the death of baby Peter.	* 769 - 790
24	Roecroft Lower School - Approval of Capital project The report requests that Executive approve the legacy project to replace Roecroft Lower School as a 300 place school on a new site at an estimated cost of £5.8m and approves a variation of the original implementation date from 1 September 2010 to 1 September 2011.	* 791 - 802

**Cllr Steve Male - Portfolio Holder for
Culture and Skills**

25 **Countryside Access Service 2009/10 Capital Programme** * 803 - 832

The report proposes approval of Project Initiation Documents for schemes in the 2009/10 Capital Programme.

26 **Forward Plan** *

To receive the Forward Plan for the period 1 December 2009 to 30 November 2010. (to follow)