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NOTICE OF MEETING

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Date & Time

Thursday, 24 June 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

Venue at

Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

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

AGENDA

Prayers

Reverend Richard Andrews of Priory Church, Dunstable will take prayers.

1. **Apologies**

The Chairman to ask for any apologies received in advance of the meeting.
The Chairman to ask the meeting if there are any other apologies to be recorded.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 22 April 2010.

(Attached pages 7 to 26)

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any 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 and Communications**

The Chairman to make any announcements or communications.

5. **Leader of the Council's Announcements and Communications**

The Leader of the Council to make any announcements or communications.

6. **Questions, Statements and Deputations**

To receive any questions, statements and deputations from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Annex 1 of Part A4 of the Constitution.

7. **Petitions**

To receive and discuss petitions in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out at Annex 2 of Part A4 of the Constitution. Notification has been received that a petition will be presented to the Chairman requesting a pedestrian crossing in Meadway, Dunstable.

8. **Recommendations from the Executive**

To consider the recommendations from the meetings of the Executive and answer questions asked under Rule No. 12.1.

	Date of Meeting	Page No.
1. Climate Change Strategy	4 May 2010	27 - 28
2. Central Bedfordshire Council's Draft Single Equality and Diversity Scheme	4 May 2010	29 - 30
3. Sustainable Community Strategy	8 June 2010	To follow
4. Community Engagement Strategy	8 June 2010	To follow

9. **Recommendation from the General Purposes Committee**

To consider the recommendation from the meeting of the General Purposes Committee and answer questions asked under Rule No. 12.1.

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1. Recommendations of the Boundary Committee for England on the Electoral Review of Central Bedfordshire	3 June 2010	To follow

10. **Recommendations from the Constitution Advisory Group**

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Constitution Advisory Group and answer questions asked under Rule No. 12.1.

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1. Consultation Strategy within the Council's Policy Framework	1 June 2010	31 - 36
2. Call-in of Planning Applications by Members to Development Management Committee	1 June 2010	37 - 40
3. Adoption of the Council's Petition Scheme and Consequential Changes to the Constitution	1 June 2010	41 - 70

11. **Report of the Bedfordshire Police Authority**

To receive and consider the report of the Bedfordshire Police Authority and answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 12.1.

(Attached pages 71 to 74)

12. **Report of the Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority**

To receive and consider the report of the Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority and answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 12.1.

(Attached pages 75 to 78)

13. **Written Questions**

To answer written questions from members of the Council under Rule No. 12.2.

The following written questions have been received from Councillor J Murray:-

Grove Theatre, Dunstable

1. On how many days in 2009 were there performances open to the public?
2. What was the total number of seats sold in 2009 and what percentage of full capacity (i.e. full houses for 365 days) does that represent?
3. What was the cash value of seats sold in 2009?
4. How much, in cash terms, was Central Bedfordshire Council's contribution to the running of the Grove Theatre?

Dunstable Office Refurbishment

1. How much was spent on new furniture in the Dunstable offices' refurbishment?
2. Is it considered satisfactory by those who use it?
3. What is to become of the furniture which is being stored in empty units owned by the Council?
4. Is it still serviceable and usable?
5. What is the Council doing to let these premises and gain income whilst they are full of furniture and where would Council move the furniture to, should someone take on a lease of these premises?

14. **Oral Questions**

To answer oral questions asked by Members of the Council under Rule No. 12.7.

15. **Motions (If Any)**

To consider motions submitted by Members of the Council under Rule No. 16 in the order received.

16. **Annual Report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

To receive and consider the Annual Report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

(Attached pages 79 to 108)

17. **Designation of Statutory Officers**

To request the Council to designate posts to fulfil the statutory officer roles of the Chief Finance/Section 151 Officer, Monitoring Officer and Scrutiny Officer.

(Attached pages 109 to 112)