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NOTICE OF MEETING

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Date & Time

Thursday, 24 February 2011 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:

All other Members of the Council - on request

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

AGENDA

Prayers

Reverend Martin Hathaway will take prayers.

1. **Apologies**

Any apologies for absence to be reported.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 January 2011.

(Attached pages 7 to 16)

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 or Deputations**

To receive any questions, statements or 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.

The Monitoring Officer has been notified that a petition will be presented to the Chairman by Cllr P N Aldis concerning a request to review the system for the collection of garden waste in Spring Grove area of Sandy.

8. **Recommendations from the Executive**

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

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Treasury Management Strategy	11 January 2011	17
Capital Programme for 2011/12	15 February 2011	19
Draft Medium Term Financial Plan and Revenue Budget for 2011/12	15 February 2011	20-22
Local Transport Plan 3	15 February 2011	23

Note 1: It is anticipated that the Chairman will exercise his authority to take the report on the Council Tax (at item 15) in conjunction with the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan and Revenue Budget for 2011/12 and the Capital Programme 2011/12.

Note 2: The papers may be seen at the following links:

- Treasury Management Strategy
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=3371&T=10>
- Local Transport Plan 3
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=3671&T=10>
- Draft Medium Term Financial Plan and Revenue Budget for 2011/12 and Capital Programme
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=577&MId=3646&Ver=4>

9. **Recommendations from Regulation Committee**

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Street Trading - Adoption of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982	16 February 2011	25
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Street Trading:-

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=21497>

Prohibiting the consumption of alcohol:-

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgConvert2Pdf.aspx?ID=2398&T=9>

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

To receive an oral report of Councillor Hollick as the Council's representative on the Bedfordshire Police Authority's budget-setting meeting on 18 February 2011, and answer questions asked under Rule No. 12.1.

11. **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 Rule No. 12.1.

(Attached pages 29 to 32)

12. **Written Questions**

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

The following question has been received from Councillor Murray:

A. How much in cash terms is being sliced from Central Bedfordshire Council's education resources for 2011/12, including funds from Government, to help funding of Academies?

B. How much is this in percentage terms?

13. **Open Questions**

To answer open questions asked by members of the Council under Rule No. 12.7.

14. **Motions**

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Tom Nicols under Council Procedure Rule No. 16:

“The Council notes, with indignation, that whilst Central Bedfordshire is facing a massive reduction in its financial settlement in 2011/12, the UK ‘s contribution to the European Union (EU) is set to rise by 60% over two years.

This Council notes that, despite the opposition of some MPs and MEPs, that it is likely that the government will agree to a further 2.9% increase in the overall EU budget.

This Council believes the EU should be treated the same as the other tiers of government and in these austere times should share responsibility, along with central and local government, for public spending reductions. Sharing the burden would result in less severe cuts for local authorities, and give more assistance to councils to protect front line services.

This Council therefore urges our three MPs not to support an increase in the EU budget.”

15. **Council Tax 2011/12**

To present the Formal Council Tax Resolution.

(Attached pages 33 to 49)

16. **Members' Allowances**

To consider the attached report of the Portfolio holder for Finance, Governance and People.

(Attached pages 51 to 64)