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NOTICE OF MEETING

CUSTOMER AND CENTRAL SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date & Time Monday, 6 September 2010 10.00 a.m.

Venue at

Room 15, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the CUSTOMER AND CENTRAL SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Cllrs J G Jamieson (Chairman), D J Hopkin (Vice-Chairman), J A E Clarke, P A Duckett, A Fahn, M Gibson, R W Johnstone, D Jones and Ms J Nunn

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs: A R Bastable, L Birt, A D Brown, P Snelling and J N Young]

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 and notification of substitute Members.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 July 2010 (previously circulated).

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.
- (c) Any political whip in relation to any agenda item.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

PETITIONS

To receive petitions from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Annex 2 of Part A4 of the Constitution.

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. CALL-IN

To consider any matter referred to the Committee for a decision in relation to the call-in of a decision.

8. **REQUESTED ITEMS**

To consider any items referred to the Committee at the request of a Member under Procedure Rule 3.1 of Part D2 of the Constitution.

9. BUDGET PROCESS TASK FORCE (CAPITAL BUDGETING FEEDBACK)

To receive the note of the Budget Process Task Force meeting held on 20 August 2010 (copy to follow).

REPORTS

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10 Portfolio Holders' Updates

To receive brief verbal updates from the Portfolio Holders for Policy and Performance, Finance, Governance and People and Customers, Systems and Assets.

11 Budget Strategy

+ To Follow

To consider the Budget Strategy.

12 Q1 Budget Monitoring

+ To Follow

To consider first quarter budget monitoring.

13 Housing and Council Tax Benefit Anti Fraud Strategy & Policy/Housing and Council Tax Benefit Prosecutions & Sanctions Policy

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To consider the proposed adoption of:

- a) a Housing and Council Tax Benefit Anti Fraud
 Strategy and Policy in order to provide the framework by which to combat and detect fraud;
- b) a Housing and Council Tax Benefit Prosecutions and Sanctions Policy in order to provide the framework on which to decide when it is appropriate to prosecute fraudsters.

14 Treasury Management Quarter One Report

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To consider an update on treasury management activity for the first quarter of the financial year 2010/11.

Work Programme 2010-2011 & Executive Forward Plan

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To consider the Committee's current work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.