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NOTICE OF MEETING

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Date & Time

Thursday, 21 July 2011 6.30 p.m.

Venue at

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

The Reverend Martin Hathaway will take prayers.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence to be received.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 May 2011.

(Attached pages 5 to 22)

3. **Members' Interests**

To received from Members any declarations and their nature 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 announce any matters of communication.

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

The Leader of the Council to announce any matters of communication.

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. (This session will be held at the Chairman's discretion and will normally last no longer than 15 minutes.)

7. **Petitions**

To receive and discuss petitions if any, in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out at Annex 2 of part A4 of the Constitution.

8. **Recommendations from Executive**

To consider a recommendation from the meeting of the Executive, 12 July 2011 and answer questions asked under Rule No.12.1.

Luton and Southern Central Bedfordshire Core Strategy – Memorandum of Understanding with Luton Borough Council on continued joint working.

(Recommendation to follow)

9. **Report of the Police Authority**

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

(Attached pages 23 to 26)

10. **Report of the Fire Authority**

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

(Attached pages 27 to 28)

11. **Written Questions**

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

The following written question has been received from Councillor Zerny:

Charities are currently being charged £150 for road closures when the true cost of advertising them in the paper is as low as £85.00. Is it really justifiable for a public service to levy such a high administration fee?

12. **Open Questions**

To answer Open Questions asked by Members of the Council under Rule No. 12.7.

13. **Motions (if any)**

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

14. **Changes to Membership of Committees**

To review the attached report and appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Customer and Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(Appendix to follow)

(Pages 29 to 30)

15. **Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

To receive and consider the annual report from the Overview & Scrutiny Committees

(Attached Pages 31 to 68)

16. **Annual Report from the Leader of the Council**

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council outlining policy priorities for the forthcoming year.