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NOTICE OF MEETING

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Date & Time

Thursday, 24 November 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 22 September 2011.

(Attached pages 7 to 24)

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive 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 in Annex 2 of part A4 of the Constitution.

8. **Recommendations from the Executive**

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 15 November 2011 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 12.1.

Economic Development Plan – to approve the Plan as part of the Council's Policy Framework.

Capital Programme Review – to approve the revised Capital Programme for 2011/12.

(To follow)

9. **Recommendations from General Purposes Committee**

To consider a recommendation in relation to the Boundaries Review.

(Attached at pages 25 - 26)

10. **Recommendations from Constitution Advisory Group**

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Advisory Group on the Review of the Constitution.

(Attached at pages 27 – 66)

11. **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 67 to 72)

12. **Report of the 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 73 to 74)

13. **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 P N Aldis:-

“At the last meeting of Council I asked a question about land for allotments in Sandy. What hope can the Executive Member offer to the present and future allotment holders in Sandy of having a plot on which to “grow their own” in the near future? Can he give an indication of the progress that is being made in securing land for allotments and the timescales that he sees as being realistic and meaningful?”

14. **Open Questions**

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

15. **Motions (if any)**

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

16. **Calendar of meetings**

To seek approval of the Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2012-2013.

(Attached at pages 75 to 78)

17. **Membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel**

To consider a report seeking an increase in the size of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

(Attached at pages 79 to 82)

18. **Members Allowances**

To consider a report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' allowances.

(Attached at pages 83 to 110)

19. Variation of the Scheme of Executive Functions Delegated to Officers

To note a variation to the scheme of Executive Functions delegated to officers authorised by the Leader.

- (i) Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services – Publication of Statutory Notices for alterations to schools maintained by the Council

(Attached pages 111 to 112)

20. Variation of the arrangements for the discharge of Executive Functions

To note the following variation of arrangements for the discharge of Executive Functions:

- (i) Executive Member for Children's Services – determination of proposals to alter the upper or lower age range of pupils in schools

(Attached pages 113 to 114)

21. Change of Membership on a Committee

Notification is given under Part B5 2.6.1 of the Council's Constitution that since the last meeting, the following change to the membership of a committee has been made:

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Bowater has replaced Councillor Shadbolt.