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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

Date & Time

**Thursday, 19 April 2012 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

Reverend Martin Hathaway will take prayers.

### 1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence to be received.

### 2. **Election of Chairman (only if the current Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent)**

### 3. **Election of Chairman 2012/13**

To elect the Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2012/13. The retiring Chairman will call for nominations for Chairman and each nomination must be seconded. Members may speak in support of the nominations.

(Note: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 21.7, if more than one nomination is received, a vote by show of hands will be conducted).

The appointed Chairman to sign and read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### 4. **Election of Vice-Chairman 2012/13**

To elect the Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2012/13. The Chairman will call for nominations for Vice-Chairman and each nomination must be seconded. Members may speak in support of the nominations.

(Note: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 21.7, if more than one nomination is received, a vote by show of hands will be conducted).

The appointed Vice-Chairman to sign and read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### 5. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 February 2012.

(Attached at pages 7 to 12)

6. **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.

7. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

The Chairman to make any announcements or communications.

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

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

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

10. **Recommendations from the Executive**

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 27 March 2012 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

- (a) New School Places Programme 2012/13 – 2016/17 (attached at page 13)
- (b) Central Bedfordshire University Technical College – Premises Procurement (attached at page 15)
- (c) Community Safety Partnership Plan 2012 – 2013 (attached at page 17)

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

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the Constitution Advisory Group held on 27 January 2012 and 23 March 2012 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

**27 January 2012**

(i) Filming, Blogging, Tweeting and Recording by the Public at Meetings

The recommendations are shown on page 19 and the proposed amendments to the Constitution are shown on pages 21-25.

(ii) Biggleswade Joint Committee

The recommendation is shown on page 27 and the proposed amendments to the Constitution are shown on page 29-30.

(iii) Amendments to the Ethical Handbook – Site Visit Requests by Members

The recommendation is shown on page 31 and the proposed amendments to the Constitution are shown on page 33.

(iv) Reports of Executive Members and Order of Business at Ordinary Meetings of the Council

The recommendations are shown on page 35 and the proposed amendments to the Constitution are shown on pages 37-45.

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(v) Governance Arrangements

The recommendations are shown on page 47 and the proposed amendments to the Constitution are shown on pages 49-55.

**12. Recommendations from General Purposes Committee**

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 11 April 2012 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

(a) Ethical Standards

(To follow)

13. **Appointment of Members, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to Committees and Other Council Bodies 2012/13**

The report outlines the requirements for appointments to committees and other Council bodies, including political proportionality.

(Attached at pages 57 to 68)

14. **Scheme of Delegation**

To note the scheme of delegation as set out at part H3 of the Constitution.

(Attached at pages 69 to 70)

15. **Composition of the Executive and Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions**

The Leader of the Council to report any changes to the composition and responsibilities of the Executive for the coming year.

(Attached at pages 71 to 77)

16. **Appointments to the Joint Selection Committee (for Bedfordshire Police Authority) and the Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority 2012**

The report outlines the position in relation to appointments to each organisation.

(Attached at pages 79 to 84)

17. **Leader of the Council's Annual Report**

To receive and consider an annual report from the Leader of the Council, outlining policy priorities for the forthcoming year.

(To follow)

18. **Audit Committee Activity - Annual Report**

To receive a report from the Chairman of the Audit Committee on the Committee's activities.

(Attached at pages 85 to 89)

19. **Independent Remuneration Panel: Membership**

To recommends the appointment of Dr R Tipping to the Independent Remuneration Panel for the period to 31 March 2016.

(Attached at pages 91 to 92)