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NOTICE OF MEETING

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Date & Time

Thursday, 13 September 2012 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

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

NOTE: Prior to the Council meeting there will be a presentation on the Operational Police Review by Superintendent Neil Wilson at 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. in the Council Chamber for all Members of the Council.

AGENDA

Prayers

The Chairman's Chaplain, Reverend Cllr Dean Henley, Rector for Campton, Clophill & Haynes and Assistant Rural Dean for Ampthill & Shefford Deanery, will take prayers.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence to be received.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 June 2012.

(attached pages 7 to 16)

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

4. **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.

5. **Petitions**

To receive and discuss petitions, in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Annex 2 of part A4 of the Constitution, including:

- (i) Biggleswade Hospital (5,500 signatures)
To protest against any threat of closure of the Biggleswade Hospital.

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

The Chairman to announce any matters of communication.

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

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

8. **Executive Member Presentations**

To receive reports from Executive Members on recent matters of interest and ask questions on matters contained in the reports from:

- Executive Member for Children's Services; and
- Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Strategic Planning and Economic Development.

9. **Recommendations from the General Purposes Committee**

To consider the recommendations from a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 2 August 2012 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

- (a) Localism Act 2011 - Appointment of Independent Persons;
- (b) Localism Act 2011 – Registration and Declarations of Interests
 - (i) Member Participation – Dispensations
 - (ii) Other Interests

(attached pages 17 to 22)

10. **School Funding**

To consider the attached report of Councillor Mark Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services.

(attached pages 23 to 24)

11. **Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel**

To consider a report of Councillor Maurice Jones, Executive Member for Corporate Resources with recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Members' Allowances.

(attached pages 25 to 30)

12. **Bedfordshire Police Authority Report**

To receive the attached report.

(attached pages 31 to 34)

13. **Motions**

To consider the following Notices of Motion submitted under Rule No 17:

(a) Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Richard Stay:

“Central Bedfordshire congratulates the athletes, the organising committee and the many thousands of volunteers and staff who each played a vital part in making London 2012 a sporting triumph for Great Britain. The Olympic Games has brought the UK closer together and we celebrate the success of each and every one of our Olympians.

Legacy played a significant part in our successful bid in winning the 2012 games and in Central Bedfordshire we are determined to capture that spirit and play our part in ensuring that there is an enduring legacy in sports participation. We are committed to work with our schools, youth and sports organisations to drive up active participation in all sports at all ages.

Council requests that the Executive considers how Central Bedfordshire can enable an appropriate framework within which we can achieve a lasting and enduring Olympic legacy.”

(b) Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Roger Pepworth:

“Council expresses serious concern over the chaotic nature of education in and around Dunstable and asks the Executive to review the existing provision and provide greater leadership and direction. By so doing it will enable parents to plan a clearer route through the school system and ensure smooth transition arrangements will be in place for school transfers. Such action will also help to reduce the anxieties of some heads and staff about the future of individual institutions.”

14. **Written Questions**

To answer written questions from Members of the Council under Rule No. 13.2.

The following question has been received from Councillor Mark Smith, addressed to the Leader of the Council:

“On Monday 30 July 2012 Central Bedfordshire Council granted a Sex Entertainments License to an applicant in Ampthill. In relation to this I would like to know:

- Why did Central Bedfordshire Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments not establish a ‘nil’ policy for such establishments in the area when legislation gives this option?
- Can the Policy be reviewed at the earliest possibility and a ‘nil’ policy be adopted?
- Why was the Policy not checked for errors, as under 9.7 it states “In all cases, applicants and those making objections that are genuinely aggrieved by a decision of the Council are entitled to appeal to the Magistrates’ Court”. This is incorrect, as licenses relating to sex establishments are governed by Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. In that Schedule a right of appeal is provided for the applicant but not the objectors.

The people of Ampthill feel very aggrieved by the decision of this Council and unless the Council’s Policy is reviewed swiftly then there is every possibility of such establishments appearing in the centre of a community near you in the future.”

15. **Open Questions**

To answer Open Questions asked by Members of the Council under Rule No. 13.7.

16. **Police and Crime Panel Arrangements**

To consider a report on the Police and Crime Panel arrangements.

(To follow)