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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Date & Time

**Thursday, 18 April 2013 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***

# AGENDA

## Prayers

The Chairman's Chaplain, Reverend Dean Henley, Rector for Campton, Clophill & Yanes and Assistant Rural Dean for Ampthill & Shefford Deanery 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 2013/14**

To elect the Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2013/14. 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 2013/14**

To elect the Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2013/14. 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 21 February 2013.

(Attached pages 7 to 12)

### 6. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

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

The Chairman to announce any matters of communication.

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

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

9. **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 (subject to the discretion of the Chairman).

10. **Recommendations from the Executive**

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 18 March 2013 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

(a) Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan

Note: The final Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan will be published on the web site in advance of the meeting and can be viewed via the following link:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=576&MId=4063&Ver=4>

A hard copy can be requested from Sandra Hobbs, Committee Services Officer.

(b) Commissioning New School Places for Implementation from September 2014

(c) Options for Resolving Current Delays in Academy Conversions caused by Disputed Liabilities for Pension Payments

(Attached at pages 13 to 20)

Note: The papers from the Executive meeting for items (a), (b) and (c) above can be viewed via the following link:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=577&MId=4056&Ver=4>

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

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 28 January 2013 and 14 March 2013 and answer questions under Rule No. 13.1.

- (a) Open Questions at Council – Special Provision for Leaders of Minority Groups (28 January 2013)
- (b) Houghton Regis Town Centre Management Committee: Amended Terms of Reference (14 March 2013)
- (c) Business at Council Meetings (14 March 2013)

(Attached at pages 21 to 34)

Note: The papers from the General Purposes Committee meeting for items (a), (b) and (c) can be viewed via the following link:

28 January 2013

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=617&MId=4069&Ver=4>

14 March 2013

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=617&MId=4346&Ver=4>

12. **Appointment of Members, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to Committees and Other Council Bodies 2013/14**

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

(Attached at pages 35 to 40)

13. **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.

(To follow)

14. **Appointments to Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel and Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service**

The report outlines the position in relation to appointments to the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel and the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service 2013/14.

(Attached at pages 41 to 44)

15. **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.