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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

Date & Time

**Thursday, 28 November 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

Pastor Jumbo Isong will take prayers.

### 1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence to be received.

### 2. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 September 2013

(Attached pages 7 to 14)

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

### 5. **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.

### 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 up to three Executive Members on recent matters of interest and ask questions on matters contained in the reports.

9. **Recommendations from the Executive**

To consider recommendations from:

(i) the meeting of the Executive, 5 November 2013 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

(a) Central Bedfordshire Draft Equality and Diversity Strategy 2013-16.

(Attached page 15)

(b) Implementation of the Leisure Facilities Strategy, including findings of the Flitwick Leisure Centre Invest to Save Feasibility Study.

(Attached page 17)

(ii) the meeting of the Executive, 27 November 2013 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

(c) Roker Park, Stotfold.

(To follow )

10. **Report of the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

To receive and consider the report of the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority and ask questions relating to the report under Rule No 13.1.

(Attached pages 19 to 21)

11. **Report of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel**

To receive and consider the report of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel and ask questions relating to the report under Rule No 13.1.

(Attached pages 23 to 33)

## 12. **Notice of Motion**

To consider any motions on notice from members of the Council under Rule 17, in the order received.

### 1. Notice of Motion from Councillor Nigel Aldis –

The Council recognises that even in these difficult financial times it has a duty of care and responsibility towards the Town and Parish Councils which are the bedrock of our democracy. Accordingly it asks the Executive, when preparing the Council's draft revenue budget for 2014-15, to include a grant to Town and Parish Councils equivalent to 80% of the Transition and Mitigation Grant for the financial year 2013-14.

Unless directed otherwise by Central Government, the Council proposes that in future years the level of this grant will be reduced by 20% each year (60% of 2013-2014 level in 2015-2016; 40% in 2016-2017; 20% in 2017-2018)

The Council recognises that these arrangements will considerably assist local councils in those areas where the change in the Council Tax system is most acute.

## 13. **Written Questions**

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

The following written questions have been received from Councillor Aldis:

What is the annual cost to this Authority of Concessionary Bus Passes over and above the grant paid by the Government?

What percentage of residents in Central Bedfordshire hold a bus pass?

How many journeys are made in the average year and which way is the trend?

In the last year how many new Concessionary Bus Passes have been issued by this Authority?

Of the total number how many were:

- a. New applicants
- b. Replacements for lost or stolen cards. Replacements for damaged cards?

In what circumstances is the £10 charge for replacement cards not enforced?

14. **Open Questions**

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

15. **Monitoring Treasury Management Six Months to 30 September 2013**

To consider a report of Councillor Maurice Jones, Executive Member for Corporate Resources on Managing Treasury Management six months to 30 September 2013.

(Attached pages 35 to  
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