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**Central
Bedfordshire**

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NOTICE OF MEETING

COUNCIL

Date & Time

Thursday, 20 February 2014 6.30 p.m.

Venue at

Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the COUNCIL

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

Members are asked to retain their Budget papers from the 4 February meeting of the Executive and bring them along to this meeting.

AGENDA

Prayers

The Reverend Andrew Hollins will take prayers.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence to be received.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 January 2014.

(Attached pages 5 to 15)

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

4. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman to announce any matters of communication.

5. **Leader of the Council's Announcements**

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. **Recommendations from the Executive**

To consider recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 4 February 2014 and answer questions asked under Rule No. 13.1.

- (a) Budget 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2014 to 2018
(pages 17 – 18)
 - (b) Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2017/18
(page 19)
 - (c) Budget report for the Housing Revenue Account (Housing Service)
Business Plan
(page 21)
 - (d) Treasury Management Strategy and Treasury Policy
(page 23)
- and to present the Council Tax Resolution
(pages 25 to 38)

Note: The papers for (a) (b) (c) and (d) above may be seen at the following link:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=577&MId=4398&Ver=4>

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Thursday, 30 January 2014.

PRESENT

Cllr Ms C Maudlin (Chairman)
Cllr D Bowater (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs	P N Aldis	Cllrs	Mrs D B Gurney	Cllrs	A Shadbolt
	Mrs A Barker		C Hegley		N J Sheppard
	A R Bastable		P Hollick		I Shingler
	R D Berry		D J Hopkin		M A Smith
	L Birt		J G Jamieson		Miss A Sparrow
	M C Blair		K Janes		B J Spurr
	A D Brown		R W Johnstone		R C Stay
	Mrs C F Chapman MBE		D Jones		A M Turner
	Mrs S Clark		M R Jones		Mrs P E Turner MBE
	Mrs G Clarke		D J Lawrence		M A G Versallion
	Mrs B Coleman		Mrs J G Lawrence		N Warren
	I Dalgarno		K C Matthews		B Wells
	A L Dodwell		D McVicar		R D Wenham
	Mrs R J Drinkwater		J Murray		P Williams
	P A Duckett		Mrs M Mustoe		T Woodward
	Dr R Egan		T Nicols		J N Young
	C C Gomm		R B Pepworth		A Zerny
	Mrs S A Goodchild		B Saunders		
	Ms A M W Graham		J A G Saunders		

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs N B Costin

Officers:	Miss H Bell	–	Committee Services Officer
	Mr R Carr	–	Chief Executive
	Ms D Clarke	–	Director of Improvement and Corporate Services
	Mrs M Clay	–	Chief Legal and Democratic Services Officer
	Mr M Coiffait	–	Community Services Director
	Mr R Fox	–	Head of Development Planning and Housing Strategy
	Mrs E Grant	–	Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services
	Ms M Peaston	–	Committee Services Manager
	Ms E Saunders	–	Assistant Director Commissioning
	Ms J Taylor	–	Principal Housing Development Officer

C/13/59 **Prayers**

Prayers were taken by the Reverend Janet Humphries, Assistant Priest for Northill with Caldecote and Old Warden.

The Chairman indicated that, due to public interest in Agenda item 9(d) Amended Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan, she would be varying the order of business to take this item after consideration of item 6.

Questions, Statements and Deputations relating to any matter other than the Amended Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan would be considered at Agenda item 4.

Questions, Statements and Deputations relating to the Amended Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan would be considered at Agenda item 9(ii)(d) once the item had been moved and seconded.

C/13/60 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the addition of Councillor Mrs B Coleman being recorded as present.

C/13/61 **Members' Interests**

Members were advised that those who served on the Development Management Committee should avoid prejudicing their ability to take part in the determination of any planning applications at a later date. Any planning applications would be determined based on relevant planning considerations, on their own merits.

Members who lived in or near wards where Gypsy and Traveller sites were proposed were also advised that they could participate in debate and voting and did not have to declare an interest.

(a) **Personal Interests:-**

Member	Item	Nature of Interest	Present or Absent during discussion
Cllr Mrs C F Chapman	12	Chairman of the Police and Crime Panel	Present

C/13/62 **Petitions**

No petitions were received.

C/13/63 **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- The planning service at Central Bedfordshire Council had been mentioned in a national best practice guide for its approach to working with the development industry.
- 8 residents of Central Bedfordshire had been honoured by the Queen in the New Years Honours List.
- The Chairman's Civic Service would be held on 2 March 2014 at Northill, St Mary's Virgin Church.

The Chairman would be hosting an event at the Grove Theatre, Dunstable on 27 April 2014 called 'Wow! Here Come the Girls'.

Council then stood in silent tribute to the memory of former South Beds District Councillor and Bedfordshire County Councillor Jack Goodchild, late husband of Cllr Susan Goodchild.

C/13/64 **Questions, Statements and Deputations**

The Chairman advised that no member of the public had registered to speak on any matter other than the Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan.

C/13/65 **Recommendations from the Executive - 9(ii)(d) Amended Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan**

9(ii)(d) Amended Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan

Following the introduction of Agenda Item 9(ii)d – Amended Draft Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan the motion being duly moved and seconded, the Chairman invited twelve members of the public who had registered to speak to address the Council.

Members of the public raised comments and concerns which in summary included the following:

- site 16 – there was concern about the increase in the number of pitches proposed to be delivered at this site. The site was within Green Belt and it was suggested that the Council would need to indicate the special circumstances for development in this area;

- residents at site 16 would have to cross the A6 dual carriageway to access services and facilities which could put the gypsies' and travellers at risk;
- residents of Faldo Road, Barton would be dominated by the scale and proximity of sites 16 and 116;
- site 26 – this site was located in an isolated part of Dunton without footpaths or street lighting. The site had poor access to facilities and amenities. The amended site assessment had scored only 15/50;
- if site 26 was expanded this might lead to unrest due to the possibility of having different groups of gypsies and travellers on the same site;
- local residents had recommended an alternative site to site 26 which would have improved screening, access to facilities and less environmental impact;
- site 116 – there was concern regarding the site assessment. The site was perceived as being located on agricultural land next to a busy 'A' road and not on brownfield land as the assessment suggested.
- concerns about the need to ensure proof of eligibility for accessing sites.

The Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Strategic Planning and Economic Development thanked the speakers and responded to concerns about the sites in the order they had been raised, including the following points:

- the Council had a statutory obligation to assess the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers alongside the settled population under the Housing Act 2004.
- if the Council did not have a Gypsy and Traveller Plan, Central Bedfordshire would be at risk of unauthorised encampments;
- the recommended changes to the plan were based on the adoption of a 2% compound growth rate, but the extent of the proposed allocation of sites would be sufficient to deliver against the first 5 years of the Plan, should the Local Plan Inspector then recommend that a 2.5% growth rate was appropriate;
- the significance of the Mile Tree Farm appeal within Central Bedfordshire and the action being taken in response, together with the risks associated with proceeding with an approach to gypsy and traveller site provision based on an annual growth rate of 2%, which was below the growth rate previously considered sound by the Planning Inspectorate elsewhere;
- the reasons why alternative sites along the A6 between Barton and Luton had not been included in the final proposals;
- issues such as access to sites adjacent to busy roads would be dealt with through the planning process;
- the proposed expansion of the Potton site would need to be managed carefully;
- planning conditions attached to the planning permission for sites would be enforced;
- the Executive Member would provide the speakers in respect of site 116 with a written response;
- windfall sites could impact on the total number of pitches that would be required. The number of pitches would be reviewed after 5 and 10 years of the Plan to ensure they took into account any windfall provision that came forward.

The Chairman thanked the public for putting forward their views and concerns.

The Council then proceeded to consider recommendations from a special meeting of Executive on 21 January 2014 seeking approval of the Amended Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan for publication and submission to the Secretary of State.

Councillor I Shingler moved an amendment to recommendation 1, which was duly seconded by Councillor Graham:

“That the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan be approved for the purposes of publication and submission to the Secretary of State

Subject to the proposed site 16, GT10, being deleted and replaced with the following statement:

“The Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Executive of this Council had already determined that site 16 Faldo Road, Barton-le-Clay, should be allocated 15 pitches in our Draft Gypsy & Traveller Plan.

In the week before this decision could be ratified by Full Council the Secretary of State made a statement through the Local Government Minister that unmet need does not justify sites in the Green Belt.

Rather than further delay in bringing this Draft Plan to a satisfactory conclusion, we would like to proceed with the following statement of intent:

That this Council will nominate 15 specific deliverable pitches within 12 months of the final approval of our Draft Plan to replace the pitches originally allocated to site 16.”

On a vote by show of hands, this amendment was lost.

Councillor Zerny moved an amendment to recommendation 1, which was duly seconded by Councillor Egan.

“That the Draft Pre-Submission Gypsy and Traveller Plan, be approved for the purposes of Publication and Submission to the Secretary of State, subject to the removal of site 26 from the Plan on the grounds that it is not fit for purpose.”

On a vote by show of hands the amendment was lost.

RESOLVED

- 1. that the Draft Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan be approved for the purposes of publication and submission to the Secretary of State.**

2. that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Strategic Planning and Economic Development be authorised to make any minor amendments to the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan:

- (i) prior to publication**
- (ii) after publication but before submission; and**
- (iii) during the Examination process.**

At the conclusion of this item, the Chairman adjourned the meeting from 9.40pm to 9.45pm enabling those members of the public who did not wish to remain, to leave the meeting.

The Council then resumed the order of business as set out on the agenda.

C/13/66

Leader of the Council's Announcements and Communications

The Leader reported that the Council had been advised that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government had concluded that the planning application in respect of Land North of Houghton Regis should not be called in but should be determined locally.

C/13/67

Executive Member Presentations

Councillor Spurr, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Services reported on recent developments within his portfolio area including:

- an ISO9001 award for Building Control;
- contracts had been awarded to Stevenage Leisure for the management of both Saxon Pool and Sandy Leisure Centre;
- Houghton Regis swimming pool would now be reopened;
- the method of pot hole remediation was proving to be successful. It was anticipated that further funding would be allocated in the Council's budget for 2014/15 for road maintenance.

Councillor Spurr responded to questions.

Councillor Stay, Executive Member for External Affairs reported on work within his portfolio area including:

- a significant reduction in theft since the introduction of the Metal Theft Act;
- progress with Troubled Families Initiative;
- a new body 'Local Nature Partnership' which focused on the protection and enhancement of the countryside.

Councillor Stay responded to questions.

C/13/68

Recommendations from the Executive

(a) Disposal of Land at the Biggleswade A1 South roundabout

The Council considered a recommendation from the meeting of the Executive held on 10 December 2013, concerning the disposal of land for a trunk road service area at the Biggleswade A1 south roundabout.

RESOLVED

that the land at the Biggleswade A1 south roundabout be disposed of for use as a trunk road service area.

(b) Council Tax Support Scheme

The Council considered a recommendation from the meeting of the Executive held on 10 December 2013 concerning the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme.

RESOLVED

that the review of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme be confirmed and that the current scheme be extended for a further year (2014/15) with a full review during 2014/15 to inform the approach from April 2015.

(c) Minerals and Waste Local Plan Strategic Sites and Policies

The Council considered a recommendation from the meeting of the Executive held on 10 January 2013, proposing adoption of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Strategic Sites and Policies – Plan for Adoption.

RESOLVED

that the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Strategic Sites and Policies incorporating the modifications proposed by the Inspector in his report, be adopted.

C/13/69

Recommendations from the General Purposes Committee

(i)(a) Code of Procurement Governance

The Council considered recommendations from a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 3 December 2013 seeking approval of proposed amendments to Part I3 of the Council's Constitution (the Code of Procurement Governance)

RESOLVED

that the proposed amendments to Part 13 of the Council's Constitution (the Code of Procurement Governance) as set out in Appendix B as submitted, be approved.

(i)(b) Protocol on Member/Officer Relations

The Council considered recommendations from a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 3 December 2013 seeking amendments to the Protocol for Member/Officer Relations as set out at Appendix A to the report. Concerns were expressed about paragraph 6.1.6 (b) Use of IT Systems and clarification sought on the wording of this Protocol.

RESOLVED

that the amendments to the Protocol for Member/Officer Relations, as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report, be approved and included in the Council's Constitution subject to the Executive Member for Corporate Resources providing clarification on the wording of paragraph 6.1.6 (b) Use of IT Systems.

(ii)(c) Proposed amendments to the Constitution – Planning Matters

The Council considered recommendations from a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 20 January 2014, seeking approval of proposed amendments to the Constitution at Parts E2, H3 and the Ethical Handbook as set out at Appendices A, B and C to the submitted report.

RESOLVED

that amendments to Parts E2, H3 and the Ethical Handbook section of the Constitution, as set out at Appendices A, B and C to the submitted report, be approved.

(ii)(d) Pay Policy Statement

The Council considered recommendations from a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 20 January 2014, seeking approval of the Pay Policy Statement 2014/15 as set out at Appendix A to the report and subsequent publication on the Council's website. It was noted that reference to the ratio of pay for the Chief Executive relative to other staff, as set out at Appendix A paragraph 5, had been set out in reverse order and would be amended prior to publication.

RESOLVED

that the Pay Policy Statement 2014/15 as set out at Appendix A to the report be approved and published on the Council's website subject to the amendment of the ratio of pay of the Chief Executive relative to other staff.

C/13/70 Calendar of Meetings

The Council considered a report of the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources seeking approval of Committee meetings for the municipal year 2014 – 2015.

RESOLVED

that the draft Calendar of Council and Committee meetings for the period May 2014 to June 2015 as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report be approved.

C/13/71 Police and Crime Panel Members' Allowance

The Council received and considered a report of the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources setting out the advice of the Independent Remuneration Panel to Bedford Borough Council on allowances for Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel members.

RESOLVED

that the advice of the Independent Remuneration Panel to Bedford Borough Council on allowances for Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel Members as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report, be noted.

C/13/72 Motions (if any)

No motions were received.

C/13/73 Written Questions

A written question had been submitted under Rule No 13.2 by Councillor Aldis as follows:

“Can the Executive Member with responsibility for Safer Communities please explain the process by which the Police Authority installs Vehicle Recognition cameras on Council owned property without any consultation or notification to local parish and town councils or CBC ward members?”

What safeguards do the members of the community have that the information gathered by these cameras is only used for properly authorised activities?

The Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Services advised that site identification for the installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) was carried out through Crime Pattern Analysis and research to identify key areas within Bedfordshire where ANPR would support the Police to prevent and detect crime, and safeguard the public. Once sites were identified as being potential ANPR camera locations, the Police liaised with the Highways

Agency and local authority to discuss plans to install the cameras including, whether it was feasible and whether this would be agreed by all partner agencies concerned. Once an agreement was concluded, then a Public Impact Assessment (PIA) was carried out and completed by the Police to ensure that the installations were proportionate, legal and necessary.

He added that the use of ANPR was heavily governed through legislation, Association of Chief Police Officer (ACPO) guidance and Independent Police Complaints Commission recommendations, all of which were audited by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.

The use of ANPR data was also regulated by the Information Commissioners, and the handling of data handled in forces through their Chief Information Officers, local guidance and policies, and national guidance. Only certain authorised personnel could access the data itself and carry out searches, all of which were logged and audited. All requests to search through ANPR data for investigations could only be completed with the appropriate authority by an officer of the appropriate rank. These were dictated through ACPO guidelines and were recognised as a national standard for Police Forces. There were recognised "Golden Rules" published by ACPO around the use and management of ANPR, and each force must demonstrate and evidence compliance with these for HMIC.

C/13/74

Open Questions

The Chairman invited Minority Group Leaders to ask a question each prior to the consideration of questions that had been placed in the open Questions receptacle.

1. Councillor Aldis asked a question about the Council Tax mitigation grant.

The Leader outlined the pressures faced in setting the budget.

2. Councillor Murray asked a question about the number of E C Harris staff working in the Assets team at Central Bedfordshire Council and the level of their decision making powers

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources indicated that he would provide a written response.

3. Councillor Murray asked a question about a statement made by the Secretary of State concerning the use of camera cars.

The Executive Member for Sustainable Communities- Services advised that camera cars were proving to be a successful means of traffic enforcement in Central Bedfordshire.

4. Councillor Murray asked a question regarding the prospects for the three Middle Schools in Dunstable, which were under threat of closure, as to possible alternative uses, either as another school or an alternative activity.

The Executive Member for Children’s Services advised that currently a consultation process was proposed regarding these schools. The future use of the buildings was uncertain at present and it was inappropriate to prejudge the outcome of the consultation proposed.

5. Councillor Aldis asked the Executive Member for Minerals and Waste about the potential for fracking in Central Bedfordshire.

The Executive Member for Minerals and Waste advised that there were no plans for fracking in Central Bedfordshire.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and concluded at 10.44 p.m.)

Chairman

Dated

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COUNCIL MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2014

**Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting
held on 4 February 2014**

E/13/123 Budget 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2014 to 2018

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that proposed the Council's spending plans for the medium term and Council Tax rate for 2014-15, with indicative figures for future years. There had not been any changes to the budget since the draft had been considered at the Executive meeting on 14 January 2014. Members welcomed the proposal for a 0% increase in the Council's element of the Council Tax.

On a point of clarification, it was pointed out that a further £17 million of savings were proposed for 2014/15 and not £16 million as mentioned on page 71 of the report.

In response to questions, the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources explained that Executive Members would consider the results from the public consultation.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to agree a balanced budget for 2014/15 and identify resource requirements for the medium term.

RECOMMENDED to Council

- 1. that the responses from consultation with Overview and Scrutiny as set out in Appendix K to the report and the response to consultation with the public and stakeholders as set out in Appendix A to the report be noted;***
- 2. that the Revenue Budget for 2014/15 and the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2014/15 to 2017/18 be approved;***
- 3. that there were no adjustments to the draft Budget as described in paragraph 52 of the report;***
- 4. that the Council Tax Base as set out in Appendix G be noted;***
- 5. that a Band D Council Tax (CBC element) of £1,308.33 for residents of Central Bedfordshire, representing a 0% increase on the charge for 2013/14 be approved;***

6. ***that the fees and charges set out in Appendix J to the report be approved; and***
7. ***that certain efficiency proposals identified in Appendix I to the report be noted and that they will be subject to formal consultation and Equality Impact Assessment in the coming months and that the Corporate Management Team be instructed to propose alternative compensatory savings if it appears, following a review of the outcome of the Equality Impact Assessment, that any specific proposal cannot be delivered.***

COUNCIL MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2014

**Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting
held on 4 February 2014**

E/13/124 Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2017/18

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that proposed the Capital Programme (excluding the Housing Revenue Account) for the four years from 1 April 2014.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to confirm the Capital Programme as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan 2014 – 2018.

RECOMMENDED to Council

that the Capital Programme for 2014/15 to 2017/18 be approved.

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COUNCIL MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2014

**Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting
held on 4 February 2014**

E/13/125 Budget for the Housing Revenue Account (Housing Service) Business Plan

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources and the Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing that set out the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), including proposals concerning the debt strategy, investment potential and proposed increase in rents.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to facilitate effective financial management and planning for the HRA.

RECOMMENDED to Council

That the HRA budget proposals for 2014/15 be approved, as follows:

- (a) that the HRA's debt portfolio and interest payments due in 2013/14 be noted;***
- (b) that the proposal for principal debt repayments to begin in 2017/18 be approved;***
- (c) that the use of £3.237m from the Major Repairs Reserve to finance part of the HRA Capital Programme for 2013/14 be approved;***
- (d) that the development of an Investment Plan during 2014/15 to set out future development objectives, subject to consultation with stakeholders be approved;***
- (e) that the HRA Revenue Budget for 2014/15 and the Landlord Service Business Plan summary at Appendices A and B to the report be approved;***
- (f) that the 2014/15 to 2017/18 HRA Capital Programme at Appendix C to the report be approved; and***
- (g) that the average rent increase of 5.46% for 2014/15 be approved in line with the national rental increase, as per the Government's Rent Convergence Policy.***

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COUNCIL MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2014

**Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting
held on 4 February 2014**

E/13/126 **Treasury Management Strategy and Treasury Policy**

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that outlined the Treasury Policy and Treasury Management Strategy for 2014-15. No changes were proposed for the Treasury Management Policy adopted by the Council in February 2012.

The Treasury Management Strategy Statement was made up of three main components covering Economic Forecast, Borrowing Strategy and Investment Strategy. There was also a requirement to include the Council's policy on the use of financial derivatives, charges between the Housing Revenue Account and the General Fund and borrowing in advance of need.

The Leader of the Independent Group expressed his thanks to the Chief Finance Officer and his team.

Reasons for decision: To enable the Council to have an effective treasury management framework in place.

RECOMMENDED to Council

that the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement for 2014/15 be approved.

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Meeting: Council
Date: 20 February 2014
Subject: Council Tax Resolution
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources
Summary: The report presents the Formal Council Tax Resolution arising from the Budget proposals presented to Council for approval.

Advising Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Financial Officer

Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Financial Officer

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

Key Decision Yes

Reason for urgency/
exemption from call-in
(if appropriate) Not Applicable

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The Council's priorities were a central strand of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and have been a specific factor in evaluating savings proposals and the resultant Council Tax levels.

Financial:

Based on the revenue budget proposals, approving the formal Council Tax Resolution as set out in Appendix A would result in an average Band D Council Tax for Central Bedfordshire of £1,308.33.

Legal:

The Council Tax Resolution is set in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Risk Management:

None

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None

Equalities/Human Rights:

Refer to full Budget / MTFP report – equality impacts are assessed as required.

Community Safety:

None

Sustainability:

None

Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Comments:

- Comments from Overview and Scrutiny were taken into account by the Executive in formulating its budget proposals to Council

RECOMMENDATION(S):

that the Council approve The Council Tax Resolution set out in Appendix A.

<i>Reason for Recommendation(s):</i>	To enable the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2014/15. The Council is required to approve a statutory Council Tax Resolution in the form shown in Appendix A. The formal resolution is based on figures contained in the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2014/15 to 2017/18 recommended by the Executive on 4 February 2014, for approval by Council.
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Executive Summary

Central Bedfordshire, in keeping with all local authorities faces significant financial challenges in responding to the Coalition Government's commitment to reduce the national budget deficit, together with a raft of new policy directives. The budget proposes to freeze the Central Bedfordshire element of Council Tax for 2014/15 and savings proposals have been developed in line with the strategic direction for the Council.

Background

1. The Executive at its meeting on 4 February 2014 considered a detailed report on the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2014/15 to 2017/18. Members are asked to refer to that report for a detailed explanation of the background to this report.
2. The Council Tax Resolution is set in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and is submitted at this stage on the basis of the budget proposals set out in that report.

3. The Band D level is £1,308.33, representing a freeze at 2013/14 rates for Central Bedfordshire. Where councils have frozen Council Tax levels the Government have provided support in the form of specific Council Tax Freeze (CTF) Grants, as follows:
- For councils freezing Council Tax in 2011/12 a CTF grant equivalent to an average 2.5% increase, initially payable from 2011/12 to 2014/15. This grant was subsequently 'baselined' and is therefore now part of continuing funding;
 - For councils freezing Council Tax in 2012/13 an additional one-off CTF grant in 2012/13 for the same amount as above;
 - For councils freezing Council Tax in 2013/14 a CTF grant equivalent to a 1% increase in Council Tax, initially payable in each of the years 2013/14 and 2014/15. This grant was subsequently 'baselined' and is therefore now part of continuing funding; and
 - For councils freezing Council Tax in 2014/15 a CTF grant equivalent to a 1% increase in Council Tax, payable on a continuing basis as 'baselined' funds.

For Central Bedfordshire, these grants will total approximately £5.8m for 2014/15.

4. The precepts and Band D Council Tax levels of all precepting bodies have been notified. These are detailed in Appendix B.

Town & Parish Councils/Meetings

5. The Town and Parish Council/Meetings Precepts for 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix B total £9,805,543. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Town and Parish Councils/Meetings is 2.54% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £107.28 for 2014/15 compared to £104.62 in 2013/14.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire

6. The Police and Crime Commissioner set the precept at £14,309,453. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £156.55 for 2014/15, a 1.99% increase on 2013/14. The Police and Crime Panel met on 6 February and accepted the Precept amount.

Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority

7. At the time of writing the report Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority was due to meet on 19 February 2014 to set its precept. The provisional precept amount is £7,996,109, which results in a Band D Council Tax of £87.48 for 2014/15, a 1.99% increase on 2013/14. A revised Report will be provided at the Council Meeting should the precept amount be set at a value other than the provisional amount. Should the precept be set at an amount equal to the provisional amount no revised Report is required and this report represents confirmation of the final agreed precept.

Proposals

8. Council is required to approve a resolution in the statutory format and the formal Council Tax Resolution at Appendix A is based on the budget proposals that result in the total Band D Council Tax as shown in the "Valuation Bands". The various levels of Council Tax for each Band for each Town and Parish Council/Meeting are shown at Appendix C.
9. If the formal Council Tax Resolution at Appendix A is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2013/14	2014/15	Increase / (Decrease)
Central Bedfordshire Council	1,308.33	1,308.33	0.00%
Police and Crime Commissioner	153.49	156.55	1.99%
Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority	85.77	87.48	1.99%
Sub-total	1,547.59	1,552.36	0.31%
Town and Parish average	104.62	107.28	2.54%
Total	1,652.21	1,659.64	0.45%

Appendices:

- Appendix A – Council Tax Resolution 2014/15
- Appendix B – Parish Council/Meeting Precepts 2014/15
- Appendix C – Parish Council Tax Bands

Background Papers:

- Town & Parish Council/Meeting Precept Submissions
- Executive Report 4 February 2014

Location of papers: Corporate Services, Priory House, Chicksands

COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2014/2015

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1.	It be noted that on 20 February 2014 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2014/15	
(a)	for the whole Council area as 91,405 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the “Act”)]; and	
(b)	For dwellings in those parts of its area to which Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix C.	
2.	That, as a preliminary step, the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish precepts) be calculated as £119,587,904.	
3.	That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Act:	
		£
(a)	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.	287,871,884
(b)	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.	158,478,437
(c)	being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).	129,393,447

(d)	being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above) calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).	1,415.61
(e)	being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix B).	9,805,543
(f)	being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.	1,308.33
4.	To note that for the year 2014/15 the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.	
5.	That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.	
6.	That the Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.	

Valuation Bands

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
872.22	1,017.59	1,162.96	1,308.33	1,599.07	1,889.81	2,180.55	2,616.66

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
104.37	121.76	139.16	156.55	191.34	226.13	260.92	313.10

BEDFORDSHIRE & LUTON COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
58.32	68.04	77.76	87.48	106.92	126.36	145.80	174.96

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1,034.91	1,207.39	1,379.88	1,552.36	1,897.33	2,242.30	2,587.27	3,104.72

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TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL/MEETING PRECEPTS

Town/Parish Council	2013/14			2014/15			2014/15
	Tax	Precept	Council Tax	Tax	Precept	Council Tax	C Tax
	Base		Band D (£)	Base		Band D (£)	Increase
Ampthill	2,875	487,082	169.42	2,936	497,417	169.42	0.00%
Arlesey	1,815	186,564	102.79	1,811	179,512	99.12	-3.57%
Aspley Guise	1,004	32,844	32.71	1,021	34,367	33.66	2.90%
Aspley Heath	371	7,870	21.21	369	7,826	21.21	0.00%
Astwick	15	-	0.00	15	-	0.00	0.00%
Barton-le-Clay	1,949	129,877	66.64	1,935	132,644	68.55	2.87%
Battlesden	19	-	0.00	19	-	0.00	0.00%
Biggleswade	5,538	596,227	107.66	5,692	667,502	117.27	8.93%
Billington	176	7,210	40.97	176	7,426	42.19	2.98%
Blunham	403	21,230	52.68	425	24,450	57.53	9.21%
Brogborough	99	7,796	78.75	101	7,796	77.19	-1.98%
Caddington	1,448	74,920	51.74	1,445	76,418	52.88	2.20%
Campton and Chicksands	586	18,000	30.72	593	18,000	30.35	-1.20%
Chalgrave	203	6,816	33.58	200	6,816	34.08	1.49%
Chalton	228	11,000	48.25	227	11,000	48.46	0.44%
Clifton	1,101	41,000	37.24	1,116	41,000	36.74	-1.34%
Clophill	708	26,970	38.09	707	22,650	32.04	-15.88%
Cranfield	1,455	83,100	57.11	1,488	83,100	55.85	-2.21%
Dunstable	11,543	1,966,696	170.38	11,553	1,984,627	171.78	0.82%
Dunton	233	14,050	60.30	252	15,250	60.52	0.36%
Eaton Bray	1,115	65,000	58.30	1,114	70,000	62.84	7.79%
Edworth	28	-	0.00	28	-	0.00	0.00%
Eggington	121	5,800	47.93	122	5,800	47.54	-0.81%
Eversholt	200	3,508	17.54	201	4,419	21.99	25.37%
Everton	206	11,215	54.44	207	11,240	54.30	-0.26%
Eyeworth	45	-	0.00	44	-	0.00	0.00%
Fairfield	1,187	92,525	77.95	1,139	88,785	77.95	0.00%
Flitton and Greenfield	622	22,600	36.33	627	36,000	57.42	58.05%
Flitwick	4,436	636,930	143.58	4,455	645,662	144.93	0.94%
Gravenhurst	247	9,000	36.44	245	9,000	36.73	0.80%
Harlington	855	106,000	123.98	866	96,000	110.85	-10.59%
Haynes	513	23,000	44.83	508	26,000	51.18	14.16%
Heath and Reach	590	47,620	80.71	594	27,720	46.67	-42.18%
Henlow	1,477	115,000	77.86	1,481	119,970	81.01	4.05%
Hockcliffe	326	17,968	55.12	351	19,347	55.12	0.00%
Houghton Conquest	551	23,000	41.74	559	26,000	46.51	11.43%
Houghton Regis	4,333	760,000	175.40	4,406	772,800	175.40	0.00%
Hulcote and Salford	94	6,250	66.49	93	6,184	66.49	0.00%
Husborne Crawley	106	3,827	36.10	105	4,000	38.10	5.54%
Hyde	155	3,800	24.52	160	3,800	23.75	-3.14%
Kensworth	571	22,225	38.92	585	22,670	38.75	-0.44%
Langford	1,225	91,739	74.89	1,239	92,787	74.89	0.00%

Town/Parish Council	2013/14			2014/15			2014/15
	Tax	Precept	Council Tax	Tax	Precept	Council Tax	C Tax
	Base		Band D (£)	Base		Band D (£)	Increase
Leighton-Linslade	13,052	1,952,318	149.58	13,176	1,970,866	149.58	0.00%
Lidlington	439	22,722	51.76	447	23,136	51.76	0.00%
Marston							
Moretaine	1,608	89,065	55.39	1,597	95,454	59.77	7.91%
Maulden	1,228	40,000	32.57	1,227	39,964	32.57	0.00%
Meppershall	690	37,000	53.62	697	37,000	53.08	-1.01%
Millbrook	58	4,000	68.97	60	4,000	66.67	-3.33%
Milton Bryan	78	2,094	26.85	77	2,094	27.19	1.27%
Moggerhanger	238	14,000	58.82	239	15,000	62.76	6.70%
Northill	963	43,000	44.65	972	48,000	49.38	10.59%
Old Warden	130	6,000	46.15	129	6,120	47.44	2.80%
Potsgrove	20	-	0.00	22	-	0.00	0.00%
Potton	1,798	136,188	75.74	1,806	140,965	78.05	3.05%
Pulloxhill	440	8,894	20.21	445	9,500	21.35	5.64%
Ridgmont	154	12,000	77.92	153	12,000	78.43	0.65%
Sandy	3,768	398,490	105.76	3,778	455,704	120.62	14.05%
Shefford	2,116	154,000	72.78	2,189	159,250	72.75	-0.04%
Shillington	796	35,000	43.97	784	35,000	44.64	1.52%
Silsoe	845	33,600	39.76	947	39,530	41.74	4.98%
Slip End	688	41,338	60.08	694	66,338	95.59	59.10%
Southill	455	13,000	28.57	460	13,000	28.26	-1.09%
Stanbridge	342	16,074	47.00	341	16,556	48.55	3.30%
Steppingley	103	6,485	62.96	104	6,647	63.91	1.51%
Stondon	868	35,682	41.11	881	41,470	47.07	14.50%
Stotfold	2,726	294,097	107.89	2,872	372,041	129.54	20.07%
Streatley	676	8,900	13.17	677	8,900	13.15	-0.15%
Studham	620	14,981	24.16	617	16,321	26.45	9.48%
Sundon	165	13,087	79.32	167	13,379	80.11	1.00%
Sutton	129	5,200	40.31	125	5,950	47.60	18.08%
Tempsford	229	12,000	52.40	226	12,000	53.10	1.34%
Tilsworth	147	7,750	52.72	145	9,000	62.07	17.74%
Tingrith	98	1,600	16.33	87	1,600	18.39	12.61%
Toddington	1,745	133,457	76.48	1,760	135,951	77.24	0.99%
Totternhoe	494	10,748	21.76	490	10,748	21.93	0.78%
Westoning	845	27,651	32.72	844	27,618	32.72	0.00%
Whipsnade	213	6,820	32.02	211	6,956	32.97	2.97%
Woburn	407	21,885	53.77	419	22,500	53.70	-0.13%
Wrestlingworth and Cockayne Hatley	325	19,000	58.46	330	19,000	57.58	-1.51%
TOTAL / AVERAGE	90,468	9,464,385	104.62	91,405	9,805,543	107.28	2.54%

COUNCIL TAX SCHEDULE BY TOWN & PARISH AREAS 2014/15

	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Central Bedfordshire Council	872.22	1,017.59	1,162.96	1,308.33	1,599.07	1,889.81	2,180.55	2,616.66
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire	104.37	121.76	139.16	156.55	191.34	226.13	260.92	313.10
Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority	58.32	68.04	77.76	87.48	106.92	126.36	145.80	174.96
Town/Parish only (a)								
Town/Parish & Area (b)								
Total including Police & Fire (c)								
Amphill (a)	112.95	131.77	150.60	169.42	207.07	244.72	282.37	338.84
(b)	985.17	1,149.36	1,313.56	1,477.75	1,806.14	2,134.53	2,462.92	2,955.50
(c)	1,147.86	1,339.16	1,530.48	1,721.78	2,104.40	2,487.02	2,869.64	3,443.56
Arlesey (a)	66.08	77.09	88.11	99.12	121.15	143.17	165.20	198.24
(b)	938.30	1,094.68	1,251.07	1,407.45	1,720.22	2,032.98	2,345.75	2,814.90
(c)	1,100.99	1,284.48	1,467.99	1,651.48	2,018.48	2,385.47	2,752.47	3,302.96
Aspley Guise (a)	22.44	26.18	29.92	33.66	41.14	48.62	56.10	67.32
(b)	894.66	1,043.77	1,192.88	1,341.99	1,640.21	1,938.43	2,236.65	2,683.98
(c)	1,057.35	1,233.57	1,409.80	1,586.02	1,938.47	2,290.92	2,643.37	3,172.04
Aspley Heath (a)	14.14	16.50	18.85	21.21	25.92	30.64	35.35	42.42
(b)	886.36	1,034.09	1,181.81	1,329.54	1,624.99	1,920.45	2,215.90	2,659.08
(c)	1,049.05	1,223.89	1,398.73	1,573.57	1,923.25	2,272.94	2,622.62	3,147.14
Astwick (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(b)	872.22	1,017.59	1,162.96	1,308.33	1,599.07	1,889.81	2,180.55	2,616.66
(c)	1,034.91	1,207.39	1,379.88	1,552.36	1,897.33	2,242.30	2,587.27	3,104.72
Barton-le-clay (a)	45.70	53.32	60.93	68.55	83.78	99.02	114.25	137.10
(b)	917.92	1,070.91	1,223.89	1,376.88	1,682.85	1,988.83	2,294.80	2,753.76
(c)	1,080.61	1,260.71	1,440.81	1,620.91	1,981.11	2,341.32	2,701.52	3,241.82
Battlesden (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(b)	872.22	1,017.59	1,162.96	1,308.33	1,599.07	1,889.81	2,180.55	2,616.66
(c)	1,034.91	1,207.39	1,379.88	1,552.36	1,897.33	2,242.30	2,587.27	3,104.72
Biggleswade (a)	78.18	91.21	104.24	117.27	143.33	169.39	195.45	234.54
(b)	950.40	1,108.80	1,267.20	1,425.60	1,742.40	2,059.20	2,376.00	2,851.20
(c)	1,113.09	1,298.60	1,484.12	1,669.63	2,040.66	2,411.69	2,782.72	3,339.26
Billington (a)	28.13	32.81	37.50	42.19	51.57	60.94	70.32	84.38
(b)	900.35	1,050.40	1,200.46	1,350.52	1,650.64	1,950.75	2,250.87	2,701.04
(c)	1,063.04	1,240.20	1,417.38	1,594.55	1,948.90	2,303.24	2,657.59	3,189.10
Blunham (a)	38.35	44.75	51.14	57.53	70.31	83.10	95.88	115.06
(b)	910.57	1,062.34	1,214.10	1,365.86	1,669.38	1,972.91	2,276.43	2,731.72
(c)	1,073.26	1,252.14	1,431.02	1,609.89	1,967.64	2,325.40	2,683.15	3,219.78
Brogborough (a)	51.46	60.04	68.61	77.19	94.34	111.50	128.65	154.38
(b)	923.68	1,077.63	1,231.57	1,385.52	1,693.41	2,001.31	2,309.20	2,771.04
(c)	1,086.37	1,267.43	1,448.49	1,629.55	1,991.67	2,353.80	2,715.92	3,259.10
Caddington (a)	35.25	41.13	47.00	52.88	64.63	76.38	88.13	105.76
(b)	907.47	1,058.72	1,209.96	1,361.21	1,663.70	1,966.19	2,268.68	2,722.42
(c)	1,070.16	1,248.52	1,426.88	1,605.24	1,961.96	2,318.68	2,675.40	3,210.48
Campton and Chicksands (a)	20.23	23.61	26.98	30.35	37.09	43.84	50.58	60.70
(b)	892.45	1,041.20	1,189.94	1,338.68	1,636.16	1,933.65	2,231.13	2,677.36
(c)	1,055.14	1,231.00	1,406.86	1,582.71	1,934.42	2,286.14	2,637.85	3,165.42
Chalgrave (a)	22.72	26.51	30.29	34.08	41.65	49.23	56.80	68.16
(b)	894.94	1,044.10	1,193.25	1,342.41	1,640.72	1,939.04	2,237.35	2,684.82
(c)	1,057.63	1,233.90	1,410.17	1,586.44	1,938.98	2,291.53	2,644.07	3,172.88
Chalton (a)	32.31	37.69	43.08	48.46	59.23	70.00	80.77	96.92
(b)	904.53	1,055.28	1,206.04	1,356.79	1,658.30	1,959.81	2,261.32	2,713.58
(c)	1,067.22	1,245.08	1,422.96	1,600.82	1,956.56	2,312.30	2,668.04	3,201.64
Clifton (a)	24.49	28.58	32.66	36.74	44.90	53.07	61.23	73.48
(b)	896.71	1,046.17	1,195.62	1,345.07	1,643.97	1,942.88	2,241.78	2,690.14
(c)	1,059.40	1,235.97	1,412.54	1,589.10	1,942.23	2,295.37	2,648.50	3,178.20
Clophill (a)	21.36	24.92	28.48	32.04	39.16	46.28	53.40	64.08
(b)	893.58	1,042.51	1,191.44	1,340.37	1,638.23	1,936.09	2,233.95	2,680.74
(c)	1,056.27	1,232.31	1,408.36	1,584.40	1,936.49	2,288.58	2,640.67	3,168.80

COUNCIL TAX SCHEDULE BY TOWN & PARISH AREAS 2014/15

		Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cranfield	(a)	37.23	43.44	49.64	55.85	68.26	80.67	93.08	111.70
	(b)	909.45	1,061.03	1,212.60	1,364.18	1,667.33	1,970.48	2,273.63	2,728.36
	(c)	1,072.14	1,250.83	1,429.52	1,608.21	1,965.59	2,322.97	2,680.35	3,216.42
Dunstable	(a)	114.52	133.61	152.69	171.78	209.95	248.13	286.30	343.56
	(b)	986.74	1,151.20	1,315.65	1,480.11	1,809.02	2,137.94	2,466.85	2,960.22
	(c)	1,149.43	1,341.00	1,532.57	1,724.14	2,107.28	2,490.43	2,873.57	3,448.28
Dunton	(a)	40.35	47.07	53.80	60.52	73.97	87.42	100.87	121.04
	(b)	912.57	1,064.66	1,216.76	1,368.85	1,673.04	1,977.23	2,281.42	2,737.70
	(c)	1,075.26	1,254.46	1,433.68	1,612.88	1,971.30	2,329.72	2,688.14	3,225.76
Eaton Bray	(a)	41.89	48.88	55.86	62.84	76.80	90.77	104.73	125.68
	(b)	914.11	1,066.47	1,218.82	1,371.17	1,675.87	1,980.58	2,285.28	2,742.34
	(c)	1,076.80	1,256.27	1,435.74	1,615.20	1,974.13	2,333.07	2,692.00	3,230.40
Edworth	(a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(b)	872.22	1,017.59	1,162.96	1,308.33	1,599.07	1,889.81	2,180.55	2,616.66
	(c)	1,034.91	1,207.39	1,379.88	1,552.36	1,897.33	2,242.30	2,587.27	3,104.72
Eggington	(a)	31.69	36.98	42.26	47.54	58.10	68.67	79.23	95.08
	(b)	903.91	1,054.57	1,205.22	1,355.87	1,657.17	1,958.48	2,259.78	2,711.74
	(c)	1,066.60	1,244.37	1,422.14	1,599.90	1,955.43	2,310.97	2,666.50	3,199.80
Eversholt	(a)	14.66	17.10	19.55	21.99	26.88	31.76	36.65	43.98
	(b)	886.88	1,034.69	1,182.51	1,330.32	1,625.95	1,921.57	2,217.20	2,660.64
	(c)	1,049.57	1,224.49	1,399.43	1,574.35	1,924.21	2,274.06	2,623.92	3,148.70
Everton	(a)	36.20	42.23	48.27	54.30	66.37	78.43	90.50	108.60
	(b)	908.42	1,059.82	1,211.23	1,362.63	1,665.44	1,968.24	2,271.05	2,725.26
	(c)	1,071.11	1,249.62	1,428.15	1,606.66	1,963.70	2,320.73	2,677.77	3,213.32
Eyeworth	(a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(b)	872.22	1,017.59	1,162.96	1,308.33	1,599.07	1,889.81	2,180.55	2,616.66
	(c)	1,034.91	1,207.39	1,379.88	1,552.36	1,897.33	2,242.30	2,587.27	3,104.72
Fairfield	(a)	51.97	60.63	69.29	77.95	95.27	112.59	129.92	155.90
	(b)	924.19	1,078.22	1,232.25	1,386.28	1,694.34	2,002.40	2,310.47	2,772.56
	(c)	1,086.88	1,268.02	1,449.17	1,630.31	1,992.60	2,354.89	2,717.19	3,260.62
Flitton and Greenfield	(a)	38.28	44.66	51.04	57.42	70.18	82.94	95.70	114.84
	(b)	910.50	1,062.25	1,214.00	1,365.75	1,669.25	1,972.75	2,276.25	2,731.50
	(c)	1,073.19	1,252.05	1,430.92	1,609.78	1,967.51	2,325.24	2,682.97	3,219.56
Flitwick	(a)	96.62	112.72	128.83	144.93	177.14	209.34	241.55	289.86
	(b)	968.84	1,130.31	1,291.79	1,453.26	1,776.21	2,099.15	2,422.10	2,906.52
	(c)	1,131.53	1,320.11	1,508.71	1,697.29	2,074.47	2,451.64	2,828.82	3,394.58
Gravenhurst	(a)	24.49	28.57	32.65	36.73	44.89	53.05	61.22	73.46
	(b)	896.71	1,046.16	1,195.61	1,345.06	1,643.96	1,942.86	2,241.77	2,690.12
	(c)	1,059.40	1,235.96	1,412.53	1,589.09	1,942.22	2,295.35	2,648.49	3,178.18
Harlington	(a)	73.90	86.22	98.53	110.85	135.48	160.12	184.75	221.70
	(b)	946.12	1,103.81	1,261.49	1,419.18	1,734.55	2,049.93	2,365.30	2,838.36
	(c)	1,108.81	1,293.61	1,478.41	1,663.21	2,032.81	2,402.42	2,772.02	3,326.42
Haynes	(a)	34.12	39.81	45.49	51.18	62.55	73.93	85.30	102.36
	(b)	906.34	1,057.40	1,208.45	1,359.51	1,661.62	1,963.74	2,265.85	2,719.02
	(c)	1,069.03	1,247.20	1,425.37	1,603.54	1,959.88	2,316.23	2,672.57	3,207.08
Heath and Reach	(a)	31.11	36.30	41.48	46.67	57.04	67.41	77.78	93.34
	(b)	903.33	1,053.89	1,204.44	1,355.00	1,656.11	1,957.22	2,258.33	2,710.00
	(c)	1,066.02	1,243.69	1,421.36	1,599.03	1,954.37	2,309.71	2,665.05	3,198.06
Henlow	(a)	54.01	63.01	72.01	81.01	99.01	117.01	135.02	162.02
	(b)	926.23	1,080.60	1,234.97	1,389.34	1,698.08	2,006.82	2,315.57	2,778.68
	(c)	1,088.92	1,270.40	1,451.89	1,633.37	1,996.34	2,359.31	2,722.29	3,266.74
Hockcliffe	(a)	36.75	42.87	49.00	55.12	67.37	79.62	91.87	110.24
	(b)	908.97	1,060.46	1,211.96	1,363.45	1,666.44	1,969.43	2,272.42	2,726.90
	(c)	1,071.66	1,250.26	1,428.88	1,607.48	1,964.70	2,321.92	2,679.14	3,214.96
Houghton Conquest	(a)	31.01	36.17	41.34	46.51	56.85	67.18	77.52	93.02
	(b)	903.23	1,053.76	1,204.30	1,354.84	1,655.92	1,956.99	2,258.07	2,709.68
	(c)	1,065.92	1,243.56	1,421.22	1,598.87	1,954.18	2,309.48	2,664.79	3,197.74
Houghton Regis	(a)	116.93	136.42	155.91	175.40	214.38	253.36	292.33	350.80
	(b)	989.15	1,154.01	1,318.87	1,483.73	1,813.45	2,143.17	2,472.88	2,967.46
	(c)	1,151.84	1,343.81	1,535.79	1,727.76	2,111.71	2,495.66	2,879.60	3,455.52
Hulcote and Salford	(a)	44.33	51.71	59.10	66.49	81.27	96.04	110.82	132.98
	(b)	916.55	1,069.30	1,222.06	1,374.82	1,680.34	1,985.85	2,291.37	2,749.64
	(c)	1,079.24	1,259.10	1,438.98	1,618.85	1,978.60	2,338.34	2,698.09	3,237.70

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Husborne Crawley	(a)	25.40	29.63	33.87	38.10	46.57	55.03	63.50	76.20
	(b)	897.62	1,047.22	1,196.83	1,346.43	1,645.64	1,944.84	2,244.05	2,692.86
	(c)	1,060.31	1,237.02	1,413.75	1,590.46	1,943.90	2,297.33	2,650.77	3,180.92
Hyde	(a)	15.83	18.47	21.11	23.75	29.03	34.31	39.58	47.50
	(b)	888.05	1,036.06	1,184.07	1,332.08	1,628.10	1,924.12	2,220.13	2,664.16
	(c)	1,050.74	1,225.86	1,400.99	1,576.11	1,926.36	2,276.61	2,626.85	3,152.22
Kensworth	(a)	25.83	30.14	34.44	38.75	47.36	55.97	64.58	77.50
	(b)	898.05	1,047.73	1,197.40	1,347.08	1,646.43	1,945.78	2,245.13	2,694.16
	(c)	1,060.74	1,237.53	1,414.32	1,591.11	1,944.69	2,298.27	2,651.85	3,182.22
Langford	(a)	49.93	58.25	66.57	74.89	91.53	108.17	124.82	149.78
	(b)	922.15	1,075.84	1,229.53	1,383.22	1,690.60	1,997.98	2,305.37	2,766.44
	(c)	1,084.84	1,265.64	1,446.45	1,627.25	1,988.86	2,350.47	2,712.09	3,254.50
Leighton-Linslade	(a)	99.72	116.34	132.96	149.58	182.82	216.06	249.30	299.16
	(b)	971.94	1,133.93	1,295.92	1,457.91	1,781.89	2,105.87	2,429.85	2,915.82
	(c)	1,134.63	1,323.73	1,512.84	1,701.94	2,080.15	2,458.36	2,836.57	3,403.88
Lidlington	(a)	34.51	40.26	46.01	51.76	63.26	74.76	86.27	103.52
	(b)	906.73	1,057.85	1,208.97	1,360.09	1,662.33	1,964.57	2,266.82	2,720.18
	(c)	1,069.42	1,247.65	1,425.89	1,604.12	1,960.59	2,317.06	2,673.54	3,208.24
Marston Moretaine	(a)	39.85	46.49	53.13	59.77	73.05	86.33	99.62	119.54
	(b)	912.07	1,064.08	1,216.09	1,368.10	1,672.12	1,976.14	2,280.17	2,736.20
	(c)	1,074.76	1,253.88	1,433.01	1,612.13	1,970.38	2,328.63	2,686.89	3,224.26
Maulden	(a)	21.71	25.33	28.95	32.57	39.81	47.05	54.28	65.14
	(b)	893.93	1,042.92	1,191.91	1,340.90	1,638.88	1,936.86	2,234.83	2,681.80
	(c)	1,056.62	1,232.72	1,408.83	1,584.93	1,937.14	2,289.35	2,641.55	3,169.86
Meppershall	(a)	35.39	41.28	47.18	53.08	64.88	76.67	88.47	106.16
	(b)	907.61	1,058.87	1,210.14	1,361.41	1,663.95	1,966.48	2,269.02	2,722.82
	(c)	1,070.30	1,248.67	1,427.06	1,605.44	1,962.21	2,318.97	2,675.74	3,210.88
Millbrook	(a)	44.45	51.85	59.26	66.67	81.49	96.30	111.12	133.34
	(b)	916.67	1,069.44	1,222.22	1,375.00	1,680.56	1,986.11	2,291.67	2,750.00
	(c)	1,079.36	1,259.24	1,439.14	1,619.03	1,978.82	2,338.60	2,698.39	3,238.06
Milton Bryan	(a)	18.13	21.15	24.17	27.19	33.23	39.27	45.32	54.38
	(b)	890.35	1,038.74	1,187.13	1,335.52	1,632.30	1,929.08	2,225.87	2,671.04
	(c)	1,053.04	1,228.54	1,404.05	1,579.55	1,930.56	2,281.57	2,632.59	3,159.10
Moggerhanger	(a)	41.84	48.81	55.79	62.76	76.71	90.65	104.60	125.52
	(b)	914.06	1,066.40	1,218.75	1,371.09	1,675.78	1,980.46	2,285.15	2,742.18
	(c)	1,076.75	1,256.20	1,435.67	1,615.12	1,974.04	2,332.95	2,691.87	3,230.24
Northill	(a)	32.92	38.41	43.89	49.38	60.35	71.33	82.30	98.76
	(b)	905.14	1,056.00	1,206.85	1,357.71	1,659.42	1,961.14	2,262.85	2,715.42
	(c)	1,067.83	1,245.80	1,423.77	1,601.74	1,957.68	2,313.63	2,669.57	3,203.48
Old Warden	(a)	31.63	36.90	42.17	47.44	57.98	68.52	79.07	94.88
	(b)	903.85	1,054.49	1,205.13	1,355.77	1,657.05	1,958.33	2,259.62	2,711.54
	(c)	1,066.54	1,244.29	1,422.05	1,599.80	1,955.31	2,310.82	2,666.34	3,199.60
Potsgrove	(a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(b)	872.22	1,017.59	1,162.96	1,308.33	1,599.07	1,889.81	2,180.55	2,616.66
	(c)	1,034.91	1,207.39	1,379.88	1,552.36	1,897.33	2,242.30	2,587.27	3,104.72
Potton	(a)	52.03	60.71	69.38	78.05	95.39	112.74	130.08	156.10
	(b)	924.25	1,078.30	1,232.34	1,386.38	1,694.46	2,002.55	2,310.63	2,772.76
	(c)	1,086.94	1,268.10	1,449.26	1,630.41	1,992.72	2,355.04	2,717.35	3,260.82
Pulloxhill	(a)	14.23	16.61	18.98	21.35	26.09	30.84	35.58	42.70
	(b)	886.45	1,034.20	1,181.94	1,329.68	1,625.16	1,920.65	2,216.13	2,659.36
	(c)	1,049.14	1,224.00	1,398.86	1,573.71	1,923.42	2,273.14	2,622.85	3,147.42
Ridgmont	(a)	52.29	61.00	69.72	78.43	95.86	113.29	130.72	156.86
	(b)	924.51	1,078.59	1,232.68	1,386.76	1,694.93	2,003.10	2,311.27	2,773.52
	(c)	1,087.20	1,268.39	1,449.60	1,630.79	1,993.19	2,355.59	2,717.99	3,261.58
Sandy	(a)	80.41	93.82	107.22	120.62	147.42	174.23	201.03	241.24
	(b)	952.63	1,111.41	1,270.18	1,428.95	1,746.49	2,064.04	2,381.58	2,857.90
	(c)	1,115.32	1,301.21	1,487.10	1,672.98	2,044.75	2,416.53	2,788.30	3,345.96
Shefford	(a)	48.50	56.58	64.67	72.75	88.92	105.08	121.25	145.50
	(b)	920.72	1,074.17	1,227.63	1,381.08	1,687.99	1,994.89	2,301.80	2,762.16
	(c)	1,083.41	1,263.97	1,444.55	1,625.11	1,986.25	2,347.38	2,708.52	3,250.22
Shillington	(a)	29.76	34.72	39.68	44.64	54.56	64.48	74.40	89.28
	(b)	901.98	1,052.31	1,202.64	1,352.97	1,653.63	1,954.29	2,254.95	2,705.94
	(c)	1,064.67	1,242.11	1,419.56	1,597.00	1,951.89	2,306.78	2,661.67	3,194.00

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Silsoe	(a)	27.83	32.46	37.10	41.74	51.02	60.29	69.57	83.48
	(b)	900.05	1,050.05	1,200.06	1,350.07	1,650.09	1,950.10	2,250.12	2,700.14
	(c)	1,062.74	1,239.85	1,416.98	1,594.10	1,948.35	2,302.59	2,656.84	3,188.20
Slip End	(a)	63.73	74.35	84.97	95.59	116.83	138.07	159.32	191.18
	(b)	935.95	1,091.94	1,247.93	1,403.92	1,715.90	2,027.88	2,339.87	2,807.84
	(c)	1,098.64	1,281.74	1,464.85	1,647.95	2,014.16	2,380.37	2,746.59	3,295.90
Southill	(a)	18.84	21.98	25.12	28.26	34.54	40.82	47.10	56.52
	(b)	891.06	1,039.57	1,188.08	1,336.59	1,633.61	1,930.63	2,227.65	2,673.18
	(c)	1,053.75	1,229.37	1,405.00	1,580.62	1,931.87	2,283.12	2,634.37	3,161.24
Stanbridge	(a)	32.37	37.76	43.16	48.55	59.34	70.13	80.92	97.10
	(b)	904.59	1,055.35	1,206.12	1,356.88	1,658.41	1,959.94	2,261.47	2,713.76
	(c)	1,067.28	1,245.15	1,423.04	1,600.91	1,956.67	2,312.43	2,668.19	3,201.82
Steppingley	(a)	42.61	49.71	56.81	63.91	78.11	92.31	106.52	127.82
	(b)	914.83	1,067.30	1,219.77	1,372.24	1,677.18	1,982.12	2,287.07	2,744.48
	(c)	1,077.52	1,257.10	1,436.69	1,616.27	1,975.44	2,334.61	2,693.79	3,232.54
Stondon	(a)	31.38	36.61	41.84	47.07	57.53	67.99	78.45	94.14
	(b)	903.60	1,054.20	1,204.80	1,355.40	1,656.60	1,957.80	2,259.00	2,710.80
	(c)	1,066.29	1,244.00	1,421.72	1,599.43	1,954.86	2,310.29	2,665.72	3,198.86
Stotfold	(a)	86.36	100.75	115.15	129.54	158.33	187.11	215.90	259.08
	(b)	958.58	1,118.34	1,278.11	1,437.87	1,757.40	2,076.92	2,396.45	2,875.74
	(c)	1,121.27	1,308.14	1,495.03	1,681.90	2,055.66	2,429.41	2,803.17	3,363.80
Streatley	(a)	8.77	10.23	11.69	13.15	16.07	18.99	21.92	26.30
	(b)	880.99	1,027.82	1,174.65	1,321.48	1,615.14	1,908.80	2,202.47	2,642.96
	(c)	1,043.68	1,217.62	1,391.57	1,565.51	1,913.40	2,261.29	2,609.19	3,131.02
Studham	(a)	17.63	20.57	23.51	26.45	32.33	38.21	44.08	52.90
	(b)	889.85	1,038.16	1,186.47	1,334.78	1,631.40	1,928.02	2,224.63	2,669.56
	(c)	1,052.54	1,227.96	1,403.39	1,578.81	1,929.66	2,280.51	2,631.35	3,157.62
Sundon	(a)	53.41	62.31	71.21	80.11	97.91	115.71	133.52	160.22
	(b)	925.63	1,079.90	1,234.17	1,388.44	1,696.98	2,005.52	2,314.07	2,776.88
	(c)	1,088.32	1,269.70	1,451.09	1,632.47	1,995.24	2,358.01	2,720.79	3,264.94
Sutton	(a)	31.73	37.02	42.31	47.60	58.18	68.76	79.33	95.20
	(b)	903.95	1,054.61	1,205.27	1,355.93	1,657.25	1,958.57	2,259.88	2,711.86
	(c)	1,066.64	1,244.41	1,422.19	1,599.96	1,955.51	2,311.06	2,666.60	3,199.92
Tempsford	(a)	35.40	41.30	47.20	53.10	64.90	76.70	88.50	106.20
	(b)	907.62	1,058.89	1,210.16	1,361.43	1,663.97	1,966.51	2,269.05	2,722.86
	(c)	1,070.31	1,248.69	1,427.08	1,605.46	1,962.23	2,319.00	2,675.77	3,210.92
Tilsworth	(a)	41.38	48.28	55.17	62.07	75.86	89.66	103.45	124.14
	(b)	913.60	1,065.87	1,218.13	1,370.40	1,674.93	1,979.47	2,284.00	2,740.80
	(c)	1,076.29	1,255.67	1,435.05	1,614.43	1,973.19	2,331.96	2,690.72	3,228.86
Tingrith	(a)	12.26	14.30	16.35	18.39	22.48	26.56	30.65	36.78
	(b)	884.48	1,031.89	1,179.31	1,326.72	1,621.55	1,916.37	2,211.20	2,653.44
	(c)	1,047.17	1,221.69	1,396.23	1,570.75	1,919.81	2,268.86	2,617.92	3,141.50
Toddington	(a)	51.49	60.08	68.66	77.24	94.40	111.57	128.73	154.48
	(b)	923.71	1,077.67	1,231.62	1,385.57	1,693.47	2,001.38	2,309.28	2,771.14
	(c)	1,086.40	1,267.47	1,448.54	1,629.60	1,991.73	2,353.87	2,716.00	3,259.20
Totternhoe	(a)	14.62	17.06	19.49	21.93	26.80	31.68	36.55	43.86
	(b)	886.84	1,034.65	1,182.45	1,330.26	1,625.87	1,921.49	2,217.10	2,660.52
	(c)	1,049.53	1,224.45	1,399.37	1,574.29	1,924.13	2,273.98	2,623.82	3,148.58
Westoning	(a)	21.81	25.45	29.08	32.72	39.99	47.26	54.53	65.44
	(b)	894.03	1,043.04	1,192.04	1,341.05	1,639.06	1,937.07	2,235.08	2,682.10
	(c)	1,056.72	1,232.84	1,408.96	1,585.08	1,937.32	2,289.56	2,641.80	3,170.16
Whipsnade	(a)	21.98	25.64	29.31	32.97	40.30	47.62	54.95	65.94
	(b)	894.20	1,043.23	1,192.27	1,341.30	1,639.37	1,937.43	2,235.50	2,682.60
	(c)	1,056.89	1,233.03	1,409.19	1,585.33	1,937.63	2,289.92	2,642.22	3,170.66
Woburn	(a)	35.80	41.77	47.73	53.70	65.63	77.57	89.50	107.40
	(b)	908.02	1,059.36	1,210.69	1,362.03	1,664.70	1,967.38	2,270.05	2,724.06
	(c)	1,070.71	1,249.16	1,427.61	1,606.06	1,962.96	2,319.87	2,676.77	3,212.12
Wrestlingworth and Cockayne Hatley	(a)	38.39	44.78	51.18	57.58	70.38	83.17	95.97	115.16
	(b)	910.61	1,062.37	1,214.14	1,365.91	1,669.45	1,972.98	2,276.52	2,731.82
	(c)	1,073.30	1,252.17	1,431.06	1,609.94	1,967.71	2,325.47	2,683.24	3,219.88