

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** held in the Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Wednesday, 27 November 2013.

PRESENT

Cllr J G Jamieson (Chairman)
Cllr M R Jones (Vice-Chairman)

Executive Members:	Cllrs	C Hegley Mrs P E Turner MBE	Cllrs	M A G Versallion J N Young
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Deputy Executive Members:	Cllrs	A D Brown A L Dodwell D J Hopkin	Cllrs	A M Turner B Wells R D Wenham
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Apologies for Absence:	Executive Members Cllrs	B J Spurr R C Stay	Deputy Executive Members Cllrs	Mrs S Clark I Dalgarno
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Members in Attendance:	Cllrs	R Berry A R Bastable C C Gomm	Cllrs	B Saunders A Shadbolt
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Officers in Attendance	Mr R Carr Ms D Clarke Mrs M Clay Mr M Coiffait Mrs S Hobbs Mrs J Ogley Mr C Warboys	Chief Executive Director of Improvement and Corporate Services Chief Legal and Democratic Services Officer Community Services Director Committee Services Officer Director of Social Care, Health and Housing Chief Finance Officer
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E/13/71 **Members' Interests**

None were declared.

E/13/72 **Chairman's Announcements**

No announcements or communication was made.

E/13/73 **Petitions**

No petitions were received.

E/13/74 **Public Participation**

The following statement was received in accordance with the Public Participation Scheme.

1. **Mr Collier**

Mr Collier made a statement in relation to building a new football ground stadium off Arlesey Road.

E/13/75 **Roker Park, Stotfold**

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that proposed that Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) released the covenant restricting use of Roker Park, Stotfold, to enable Stotfold Town Council (STC) to sell the land and build a new football ground stadium on a new site off Arlesey Road.

Reason for decision: To provide a mechanism whereby CBC would receive a share of the capital receipt (proceeds from STC's sale of the land) for the release of the restrictive covenant together with repayment of two outstanding loans of £537,000 and STC would be able to generate funds to build a new football ground/stadium (with a capped financial contribution from CBC).

RECOMMENDED to Council

1. ***that the Restrictive Use Covenant in favour of Central Bedfordshire Council on land known as Roker Park, Stotfold be released to enable Stotfold Town Council to dispose of the land for residential development on condition that:***
 - (a) ***the net proceeds of sale (enhanced value) to be shared equally between Central Bedfordshire Council and Stotfold Town Council;***
 - (b) ***Stotfold Town Council will repay the outstanding loan of £537,000 owed to Central Bedfordshire Council out of its share of the proceeds of sale; and***
 - (c) ***Stotfold Town Council would give an undertaking to use the balance of its share of the proceeds of sale to construct a new football ground/stadium off Arlesey Road, Stotfold.***
2. ***that Central Bedfordshire Council agrees to make a contribution from its share of the proceeds of sale (up to a maximum of £500,000) to assist the Town Council to complete the construction of the new football ground/stadium on land off Arlesey Road, Stotfold; and***

3. ***that subject to recommendations 1 and 2 above, Central Bedfordshire Council agrees to grant Stotfold Town Council a 99 year lease at a peppercorn rent of 24 acres of land off Arlesey Road, Stotfold to relocate the new football ground/stadium.***

E/13/76 **Roker Park, Stotfold**

See minute no. E/13/75 for details.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and concluded at 2.05 p.m.)

Chairman

Dated