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NOTICE OF MEETING

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Friday, 20 March 2015 10.00 a.m.

Venue at

Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Cllrs D McVicar (Chairman), A R Bastable (Vice-Chairman), D Bowater, C C Gomm, Ms A M W Graham, K C Matthews, B Saunders, A Shadbolt and P Williams

[Named Substitutes:

Mrs C F Chapman MBE, K M Collins, P Hollick, R W Johnstone, D Jones and J Murray]

All other Members of the Council - on request

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MEETING***

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence and notification of substitute members

2. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest and of any political whip in relation to any agenda item.

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

To receive any announcements from the Chairman and any matters of communication.

4. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 19 February and to note actions taken since that meeting.

5. **Petitions**

To receive petitions from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Annex 2 of Part A4 of the Constitution.

6. **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

To receive any questions, statements or 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.

7. **Call-In**

To consider any decision of the Executive referred to this Committee for review in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.10 of Part D2.

8. Requested Items

To consider any items referred to the Committee at the request of a Member under Procedure Rule 3.1 of Part D2 of the Constitution.

REPORTS

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
9	Executive Members Updates To receive a brief verbal update from the Executive Member for Community Services and the Executive Member for Regeneration.	* Verbal
10	Anglian Water/Planning Update To receive a presentation regarding water issues affecting the Moggerhanger area.	* Verbal
11	Regeneration and Business Forward Plan To receive a presentation regarding the Regeneration and Business Forward Plan.	* Verbal
12	Q3 Budget Report To receive a report regarding the relevant quarterly budget information.	* 5 - 12
13	Work Programme 2015/16 and Executive Forward Plan This report provides Members with details of the Work Programme and Executive Forward Plan.	* 13 - 16

Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee March 2015

Budget Monitoring Q3 – April to December 2015

Revenue –Community Services

Key points to note (see full reports for details):

- 2014/15 forecast outturn is to overspend by £189k (Q2- £120K over)
- The Year to Date spend is underspent by £20k
- Outstanding debt (over 1 month days) is £1,093k (Q2- £1,319K).
Work continues on pursuing these debts in accordance with the Council's policy

Revenue -Community Services

Division	Approved Budget	Forecast Outturn for Year	Forecast Variance for Year (- under) / over spend	Forecast Variance after Use of Earmarked Reserves (- under) / over spend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Community Services Director	345	285	-60	-60
Highways & Transportation	13,085	13,535	450	132
Environmental Services	23,301	24,275	974	117
Community Services	36,731	38,095	1,364	189

Made up of shortfall in parking income ,
overspend on agency in passenger transport
offset by savings in staffing and libraries

Capital - Community Services

Forecast variance for the year £21,564k underspend

£8.2m Woodside Link

£2m Busway

£9.6m Enhanced Waste Facilities

Scheme Categories	Net Expenditure Budget	Net Expenditure Forecast	Net Expenditure Forecast Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Environmental Services	11,421	1,550	-9,871
Libraries	167	0	-167
Leisure	9,256	8,469	-787
Transport	33,077	22,338	-10,739
Community Services	53,921	32,357	-21,564
Percentage of budget		60.0%	-40.0%

Revenue – Regeneration and Business

Key points to note (see full reports for details):

- The 2014/15 forecast outturn is to underspend by £K (Q2 £415K underspend)
- The Year to Date spend is underspend by £722K (Q1 - £722K under)
- Outstanding debt (over 1 month days) is £984k (Q1 - £1,044K)

Revenue – Regeneration and Business

Division	Approved Budget	Forecast Outturn for Year	Forecast Variance for Year (- under) / over spend	Forecast Variance after Use of Earmarked Reserves (- under) / over spend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Director	461	461	0	0
Business and Investment	883	1,140	257	113
Planning	3,752	3,450	-302	-725
Regeneration & Business Support	5,096	5,051	-45	-612

Main variance is in Planning due to increase in planning income and forecast underspend in salaries and consultancy cost.

Capital - Regeneration

Forecast variance for the year £1037K underspend
 £654k Dunstable Town centre properties
 £270k Flooding and Drainage schemes
 £81k Flitwick town centre

Scheme Categories	Net Expenditure Budget	Net Expenditure Forecast	Net Expenditure Forecast Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Regeneration	1,372	335	(1,037)
Total			
Percentage of budget		24.4%	-75.6%

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Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 20 March 2015
Subject: Work Programme 2015 – 2016 & Executive Forward Plan
Report of: Chief Executive
Summary: The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted Committee work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

Contact Officer: Rebecca Preen, Scrutiny Officer
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The work programme of the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee will contribute indirectly to all 5 Council priorities. Whilst there are no direct implications arising from this report the implications of proposals will be details in full in each report submitted to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. **that the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
 - (a) **considers and approves the work programme attached, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make;**
 - (b) **considers the Executive Forward Plan; and**
 - (c) **considers whether it wishes to add any further items to the work programme and/or establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items.**

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

1. Attached is the currently drafted work programme for the Committee.
2. The Committee is now requested to consider the work programme attached and amend or add to it as necessary.

Overview and Scrutiny Task Forces

3. In addition to consideration of the work programme, Members may also wish to consider how each item will be reviewed i.e. by the Committee itself (over one or a number of Committee meetings) or by establishing a Member Task Force to review an item in greater depth and report back its findings.

Executive Forward Plan

4. Listed below are those items relating specifically to this Committee's terms of reference contained in the latest version of the Executive's Forward Plan to ensure Members are fully aware of the key issues Executive Members will be taking decisions upon in the coming months. The full Executive Forward Plan can be viewed on the Council's website at the link at the end of this report.

Ref	Issue	Indicative Exec Meeting date
1.	Local Transport Plan	31 March 2015
2.	Award of Contract for the Woodside Link	31 March 2015
Non Key Decisions		
3.	Community Safety Partnership Plan and Priorities for 2015-2016	31 March 2015

Conclusion

- 5 Members are requested to consider and agree the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments/additions they may wish to make and highlight those items within it where they may wish to establish a Task Force to assist the Committee in its work. This will allow officers to plan accordingly but will not preclude further items being added during the course of the year if Members so wish and capacity exists.

Appendix – Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme.

Background reports:

Executive Forward Plan (can be viewed at any time on the Council's website) at the following [link:- http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=577&RD=0](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=577&RD=0)

Appendix A – SC OSC Work Programme 2015/16

OSC Date	Report Title	Description
18 June 2015	Highways Contract	To consider and comment upon the Highways Contract procurement procedure
18 June 2015	Q3 Performance report	To receive a presentation on the relevant quarterly performance information
18 June 2015	South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership	To receive a presentation as previously requested by Members

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