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NOTICE OF MEETING

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Thursday, 18 June 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), B Saunders (Vice-Chairman), D Bowater, F Firth,
C C Gomm, Ms A M W Graham, J Kane, K C Matthews and R Morris

[Named Substitutes:

P Hollick, R W Johnstone, T Nicols, D Shelvey and I Shingler]

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 20 March 2015 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	Q3 Performance Report To receive a presentation on the relevant quarterly performance information.	* 11 - 28
11	Nature Conservation Strategy To receive a report regarding the Nature Conservation Strategy.	* 29 - 34
12	Work Programme 2015/16 and Executive Forward Plan This report provides Members with details of the Work Programme and Executive Forward Plan.	* 35 - 38

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held in Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Friday, 20 March 2015.

PRESENT

Cllr D McVicar (Chairman)
Cllr A R Bastable (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs D Bowater
C C Gomm
Ms A M W Graham

Cllrs K C Matthews
B Saunders
P Williams

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs A Shadbolt
B J Spurr

Members in Attendance: Cllrs A D Brown Deputy Executive
Member for
Regeneration
I Dalgarno Deputy Executive
Members for Community
Services
P Hollick Chairman of General
Purposes Committee
J G Jamieson Leader of the Council
and Chairman of the
Executive
Mrs P E Turner MBE Executive Member for
Partnerships
B Wells Deputy Executive
Member for Community
Services
J N Young Executive Member for
Regeneration

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Davie – Development Infrastructure Group
Manager
Mr J Longhurst – Director of Regeneration and
Business
Ms K McFarlane – Development Infrastructure Group
Manager
Mrs R Preen – Scrutiny Policy Adviser
Ms S Templeman – Senior Finance Manager

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SCOSC/14/83. Members' Interests

None.

SCOSC/14/84. Chairman's Announcements and Communications

None.

SCOSC/14/85. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 19 February 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SCOSC/14/86. Petitions

None.

SCOSC/14/87. Questions, Statements or Deputations

The Chairman confirmed that three members of the public had registered to speak at the commencement of Item 10.

SCOSC/14/88. Call-In

None.

SCOSC/14/89. Requested Items

None.

SCOSC/14/90. Executive Members Updates

The Executive Member for Regeneration informed the Committee that a Judicial Review regarding land north of Luton would be held at the High Court in May 2015.

The Committee were also informed that the deadline for appeal of the variation of conditions placed on the application at the White Lion retail park was 6pm on 20 March 2015 and that construction of the A5/M1 link road was underway.

SCOSC/14/91. Anglian Water/Planning Update

The Chairman invited three speakers to address the Committee in relation to water supply problems in the Moggerhanger area. The speakers raised issues that in summary related to the following:-

- Residents suffering with water backwash and sewage.
- Inadequate surface drainage causing flooding in certain areas.
- Low to non existent water pressure.
- The impact of burst water mains elsewhere in Central Bedfordshire impacting on Moggerhanger.

- The lack of feedback provided by Anglian Water to planning applications in the area that would impact on the supply of water to Moggerhanger.
- The local water infrastructure was not fit for purpose and could not cope with further housing development.
- Public health concerns caused by improper water supply and service.
- An investment of £4000 that had been made to improve the village hall directly related to inadequate water supply infrastructure.

In response the Development Infrastructure Group Manager explained that residents had raised concerns at a planning Committee in 2014 regarding development in the Moggerhanger area. The planning department had approached Anglian Water on three occasions during the life of the application but they had not objected to the development and felt that the existing water infrastructure could cope with the additional demand. Anglian Water had provided the Committee a written response detailing their findings relating to Moggerhanger and had agreed to attend a future meeting, providing the Council with a presentation regarding their processes.

The Chairman extended the Committee's sympathy to the residents of Moggerhanger and asked if there was any recourse to action with regards to future applications in a known problematic area. In response the Ward Member for Northill explained they felt that the problem was not unique to Moggerhanger and that other areas were similarly affected. It was suggested that the Council would find it difficult to refuse planning permission as Anglian Water had not highlighted any concerns regarding the water supply.

Members of the Committee expressed their disappointment that Anglian Water could not attend the meeting and suggested that residents from other areas should be involved in future discussions. It was also suggested that the Council approach this issue from a Health and Safety perspective, not just from the perspective of planning and development.

The Executive Member for Regeneration offered support to residents who wished to challenge Anglian Water further and explained that the local MP was aware of the problems and could be called upon to lend support in this matter. The Leader of the Council also suggested that Anglian Water were failing in their duty to provide an acceptable level of service and highlighted that if the level of service was felt to be substandard then the regulator could intercede.

RECOMMENDED that the Director for Regeneration and Business write to Anglian Water inviting them to the next Committee meeting and that he liaise with the Director for Community Services with regards to health and safety concerns.

SCOSC/14/92. Regeneration and Business Forward Plan

The Director for Regeneration and Business delivered a presentation setting out the approach and focus of the Directorate including what had been

achieved and delivered in 2014/15 and detailing proposed future delivery for 2015/16 and beyond.

In light of the presentation Members raised queries relating to the following:-

- The challenge of attracting new businesses to the area and promoting the identity of Central Bedfordshire. The Director for Regeneration and Business highlighted the strong network links in Central Bedfordshire and that areas were well connected, which was attractive to new businesses looking for an area in which to invest. There was also a strong identity in Central Bedfordshire with regards to Market Town status, which was a positive selling point for the area.
- The levels of investment in Flitwick due to the apparent lack of development over the previous 10 years. The Director for Regeneration and Business confirmed that talks with Network Rail were underway to encourage investment in the area. The Business Investment Group Manager also explained that the Directorate were liaising with the Town Council and Clerks in order to better understand their requirements and how the Council could work differently to improve the area as it was acknowledged that it was necessary to attract people and businesses into Central Bedfordshire towns. The Executive Member for Regeneration also explained that more control was being taken to ensure schemes were delivered. Many historic plans had not been realistic or deliverable, as a result the Council were streamlining the process to focus on those deliverables that provided the best outcomes for Central Bedfordshire.
- Whether there were enough skilled workers to satisfy the housing, building and scaffolding market and whether young people were being taught these particular skills in schools and colleges. The Director for Regeneration and Business acknowledged that the people supply chain was a challenge and there was a shortage of skilled labour. The Executive Member for Regeneration also emphasised the importance of encouraging young people to take up vocational courses to promote an appropriate mix of skills for the labour market. The Business Investment Group Manager confirmed that apprentice numbers were growing and additional funds were being provided from Central Government to support this.

NOTED the presentation and the strong position of the Directorate.

SCOSC/14/93. Q3 Budget Report

The Senior Finance Manager delivered a presentation to the Committee, detailing areas of underspend, overspend and outstanding debt for the Council and highlighted that a shortfall in parking income would be offset by savings in staff salaries and library services.

Concerns were raised that although the income from planning applications was welcome, some highly experienced planning officers were leaving the authority. The Executive Member expressed a desire to understand why they were leaving and for the Council to do more to retain highly qualified staff.

RECOMMENDED that the strong financial performance of the Council be acknowledged.

SCOSC/14/94. Work Programme 2015/16 and Executive Forward Plan

The Committee considered its current Work Programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

RECOMMENDED that the Sustainable Communities OSC Work Programme be agreed.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and concluded at 12.05 p.m.)

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Central Bedfordshire Council

Sustainable Communities Overview

18th June 2015

QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Report of **Cllr Nigel Young , Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Strategic Planning and Economic Development and Cllr Brian Spurr, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Services**

Advising Officers: **Marcel Coffait, Director of Community Services**
Jason Longhurst, Director of Regeneration and Business

Contact Officer: Heather Price – Head of Business Performance
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Purpose of this report

The report highlights the Quarter 3 performance from Community Services and Regeneration and Business

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to acknowledge the continuing overall strong performance in Quarter 3 for the indicators being used to help support monitoring of progress against the Medium Term Plan priorities and to recommend officers to further investigate and resolve underperforming indicators as appropriate.

Background

11. This report focuses on a set of indicators that support the monitoring of progress against the priorities in the Medium Term Plan (MTP).
12. The Directors' Summaries for Quarter 3 are set out below. Appendix A provides the detailed performance data.
13. **Community Services**
Quarter 3 has seen a drop in levels of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) with 1,588 incidents recorded between October and December, compared to 1,952 in Q2, a reduction of 364 incidents, or 18.6%. As anticipated, changes to the police Public Protection Unit team and processes have led to an increase in the number of Domestic Abuse incidents in Q3, which is seen as a positive trend.

14. There has been an increase in Serious Acquisition Crimes (SAC) during Q3, although levels are lower than those seen during Q3 2013/14. The SAC rate remains below the target level of 3.2 per 1,000 population (Q3 = 2.8 SAC per 1,000 population).
15. There have been increases in all categories of crime in Q3 2014/15 compared to Q2, with Burglary seeing the highest increases. The increases in crime rate may indicate crime series that will need monitoring and appropriate action taken if it continues.
16. The condition of Central Bedfordshire's roads and pavements is comparatively good, however the Autumn 2014 Residents' Survey results indicate that satisfaction with Highways continues to be an issue for our residents and there is now an agreement with the service provider that public satisfaction is a key performance indicator, with a financial penalty should we not achieve our target for satisfaction with roads and pavement maintenance.
17. The satisfaction level for roads maintenance has increased to 35% and is within 1% of the local 2015 target and the satisfaction level for pavement maintenance is 45% against local target of 50%.
18. The latest data shows that during 2013/14, 49.8% of waste collected was sent for reuse, recycling and composting. This is a small decline on 2012/13 figures, but mirrors what is being seen in many LA's across the UK and is likely to be a result of manufacturers 'downsizing' packaging materials and changes to buying behaviour, such as online newspaper subscriptions rather than print.
19. So far, this year the cumulative % of waste sent for recycling, reuse and composting is 52.8% at Q2 2014. However, due to seasonal fluctuations and Quarters 1 and 2 always performing well, this is not indicative of the full year performance. Based on forecasted Q3 and Q4 figures, the predicted outturn for the full year is 50%.
20. The latest Active People Survey data shows the percentage of Adults in Central Bedfordshire taking part has slightly decreased from the previous results (Apr 14), which is 2.4% below the national average.
21. **Regeneration**
Between April and December 2014, an additional 561 affordable homes have been provided, exceeding the target of 300, and at the same time employment has continued to increase and the level of unemployment has fallen, reflecting signs of a strengthening local labour market and providing support for Central Bedfordshire's vision of being a 'great place to live and work'.
22. Employment has continued to increase and Central Bedfordshire now has an employment rate of 80.4%, which is 7.9% above the national employment rate, and exceeds the target for Central Bedfordshire to remain 5% above the national rate.

23. The level of unemployment has also fallen, and the number of out of work benefit claimants and Youth Unemployment rates have also shown a steady decrease throughout the year, all of which reflecting signs of a strengthening local labour market.
24. Due to external promotion, the number of new inward investment enquiries has increased above target levels. This includes development of a new online inward investment portal 'Be Central Bedfordshire' promoting the area and allowing online enquires (property and key developments) for the first time.
25. We will continue to build on this good performance in 2014/15, as we actively work to encourage the growth of suitable businesses in Central Bedfordshire; influencing this through effective use of our assets, sector development and a package of support from Central Bedfordshire Council aligned to our key businesses, sectors and potential investors.

Council Priorities

The quarterly Medium Term Plan performance report underpins the delivery of all Council priorities.

Corporate Implications

Financial:

1. The indicator set monitors a wide range of indicators, which help to provide an understanding of the Council's effective use of resources.

Legal:

2. None.

Risk Management:

3. Any areas of ongoing underperformance would be a risk to both service delivery and the reputation of the Council.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

4. None.

Equalities/Human Rights:

5. This report highlights performance in respect of how the Council and its services impact across all communities within Central Bedfordshire, so the specific areas of underperformance can be highlighted for further analysis/drilling down as necessary.

Public Health:

6. Active recreation is included in the indicator set.

Community Safety:

7. The levels of Serious Acquisitive Crime and anti-social behaviour are included in the indicator set.

Sustainability:

8. Included in the indicator set are a broad range of indicators relating to sustainability including those covering employment, access to broadband, library usage, active recreation and waste.

Procurement:

9. None.

Conclusion and Next Steps

26. Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider this report and make any recommendations to Executive.

Appendices:

Appendix A – (Quarter 3 Performance Indicators)

Background papers and their location: (open to public inspection)

Executive 31 March 2015

Appendix A - Quarterly Performance Report

Medium Term Plan Indicators

Quarter 3 2014/15

Report comparison - Depends on the nature of the indicator		Performance Judgement			
		Direction of travel (DoT)		RAG score (Standard scoring rules unless the indicator specifies alternative scoring arrangements)	
Seasonal	Compared to the same time period in the previous year	↓	Performance is reducing	R	RED - target missed / off target - Performance at least 10% below the required level of improvement
Quarter on quarter	Compared to the previous quarter	↔	Performance remains unchanged	A	AMBER - target missed / off target - Performance less than 10% below the required level of improvement
Annual	Compared to one fixed point in the previous year	↑	Performance is improving	G	GREEN - Target achieved or performance on track to achieve target

Overview of performance

Ref	Indicator	Performance will be reported:	Performance information being reported this quarter		
			Time period	Performance	
Enhance your local community					
A 2 MTP	Central Bedfordshire's Employment rate (People in employment aged 16 to 64)	Quarterly	Quarter 2 2014/15	↑	G
A 3 MTP	% of approved residential development applications of 10 or more units having CABE excellent design status	Quarterly	Quarter 3 2014/15	↔	G
A 4 MTP	Number of Serious Acquisitive Crimes.	Quarterly	Quarter 3 2014/15	↓	G
A 5 MTP	Number of recorded Anti-social Behaviour incidents.	Quarterly	Quarter 1 2014/15	↓	Monitor only
Better infrastructure					
D1a MTP	Percentage resident satisfaction with road maintenance	Quarter 1 & Quarter 2	Res Survey Spring 2014	↑	A
D1b MTP	Percentage resident satisfaction with pavement maintenance	Quarter 1 & Quarter 2	Res Survey Spring 2014	↓	A
D 2 MTP	Percentage of Central Bedfordshire with access to superfast broadband	Annually in Quarter 4		↑	
D 3 MTP	Percentage of Central Bedfordshire with access to at least 2Mb broadband	Annually in Quarter 4		↑	
Great universal services					
E 1 MTP	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	Quarterly	Quarter 2 2014/15	↑	G
E 2 MTP	Percentage of adults in Central Bedfordshire taking part in sport or active recreation (Active People Survey)	Quarter 1 & Quarter 3	APS 8 Survey	↑	A
E 3 MTP	Satisfaction of adults with library services	Annually Quarter 1	2014 adult Plus Survey	↑	G
E 4 MTP	Number of visits to libraries	Annually in Quarter 1	Outturn 2013/14	↑	

A3 MTP	Percentage of approved applications for residential developments of ten or more units having CABE excellent design status																	
Unit	Good is	All data is cumulative for the financial year to the close of the quarter	2012/13	2013/14				2014/15				Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	↔	G
%	High		Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4 / Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4 / Outturn							
Number of approved applications for residential developments of ten or more units			17	9	6	8	6 / Outturn 29	8	6	6								
Number of approved applications for residential developments of ten or more units having CABE excellent design status			17	9	6	8	6 / Outturn 29	8	6	6								
Percentage of approved applications with CABE excellent design status		Target	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100								
		Actual	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100								
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Current Performance: 6 Planning applications were assessed during Quarter 3 of 2014/15. Performance remains at 100% (20 applications have been assessed in Qtr 1-3 of 2014/15).</p> <p>The Building for Life 12 Design Quality Criteria reflects our vision of what new housing development should be: attractive, functional and sustainable places. It is based on the new National Planning Policy Framework and the Government's commitment to build more homes, better homes and involve local communities in planning.</p> <p>Each planning application which falls within the criteria is assessed as part of the determination process.</p> <p>Planned actions: Continue to provide Planning Performance Agreements and Pre-Application service to ensure early negotiation of residential development schemes occurs to achieve planning application submissions of excellent quality and continue with current processes to ensure that the 100% target is maintained.</p>																		
<p>This indicator assesses residential developments of ten units or more against the Building for Life 12 Design Quality Criteria which has been launched by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) in partnership with Home Builders Federation and Design for Homes. This covers the functionality, design and sustainability of buildings. It uses twelve questions to evaluate the quality of new housing developments, with planning proposals assessed against the following headings: Integrating into the neighbourhood; Creating a place and Street & Home.</p> <p>The Building for Life 12 Design Quality Criteria reflects our vision of what new housing developments should be: attractive, functional and sustainable places. It is based on the new National Planning Policy Framework and the Government's commitment to build more homes, better homes and involve local communities in planning.</p> <p>Each planning application which falls within the criteria is assessed as part of the determination process.</p>																		



A 4 MTP		Number of serious acquisitive crimes – (Serious acquisitive crime (SAC) includes domestic burglary, robbery, theft of motor vehicle and theft from motor vehicle)																	
Unit	Good is	Outturn			2013/14				2014/15					Latest comparator group average	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	↓	G
Number	Low	2011/12	2012/13		Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn					
Target			13.3		2.8	2.8	3.0	3.2	11.8	3.2	3.2	3.2							
Rate per 1,000 population		10.6	9.7		2.6	2.5	3.1	2.9	11.1	2.7	2.5	2.8							
Number of SAC crimes			2465		671	650	792	751	2864	716	667	851							
Population figure			255.6		255.6	255.6	255.6	255.6	255.6	264.5	264.5	264.5							

Comment: Current Performance Quarter 3 2014/15.

Current Performance:
Quarter 3 - 2014/15:

Between October 2014 - December 2014 there were 851 recorded SAC offences. This is 59 offences more than was seen in Q3 2013-14, a 7.5% increase. Increases were seen in domestic burglaries and vehicle crime, with a 25% increase seen in the number of Theft of Motor Vehicle offences.

Planned Actions: The increases will be monitored by the CSP Tasking Group, to establish whether this is linked to a new crime series, and the CSP will support the police in on-going SAC operations.

A 5 MTP		Number of recorded Anti-social Behaviour incidents																	
Unit	Good is	Outturn			2013/14				2014/15					Latest comparator group average	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	↑	Monitor only
Number	Low	2011/2	2012/3	2013/4	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn					
Target 10% reduction from 2011/12			10,452																
Actual number of recorded incidents		10,720	NA	6,944	1,805	2,145	1,558	1,436	6,944	1,946	1,952	1,588							

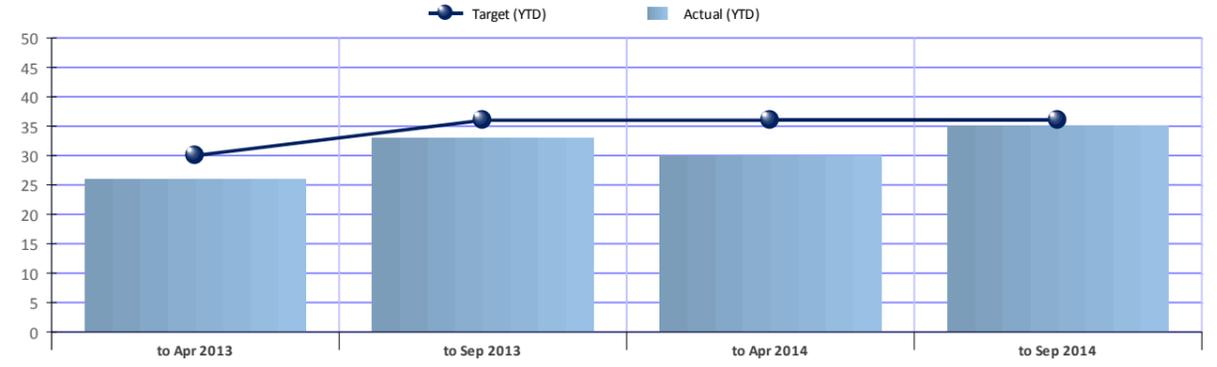
Comment: Current Performance: Quarter 3 (2014/15).

Current Performance:
Quarter 3- 2014/15:

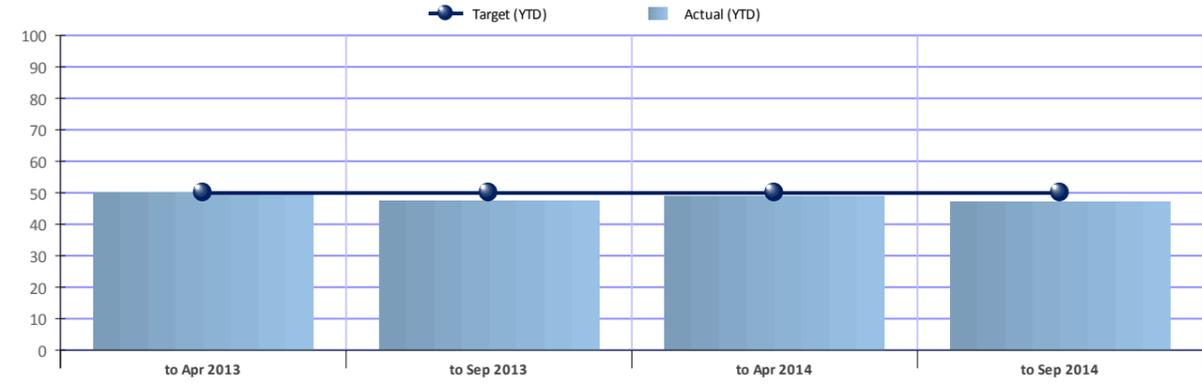
Between October 2014 - December 2014 there were 1558 reported ASB incidents. This is 30 incidents more than was seen in Q2 2013-14, a 2% increase.

Better infrastructure - improved roads, broadband reach and transport

D 1a MTP		Percentage resident satisfaction with road maintenance. (Data taken from Resident's Survey undertaken twice a year in April and September)										
Unit	Good is		Actual Autumn 2013 Reported Quarter 2 2013/14	Actual Spring 2014 Reported Quarter 1 2014/15	Actual Autumn 2014 Reported Quarter 2 2014/15	Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Seasonal April and September	Performance Judgement	↑	A
%	High											
Percentage resident satisfaction with road maintenance	Target		36%	36%	36%							
	Actual		33%	30%	35%							
<p>Current Performance: As highlighted in the Autumn 14 Residents' Survey, satisfaction with Highways continues to be an issue for our residents.</p> <p>The condition of Central Bedfordshire's roads and pavements is comparatively good; the satisfaction level for roads maintenance (35% against a local target of 36%) is within 1% of the 2015 target and shows some good progress as a result of the work being undertaken.</p> <p>The summary National Highways & Transport (NHT) survey results have been received. 78 highway authorities were surveyed and the average score for "condition of highways" is 34.4% which is significantly lower than the LGA national average (42%) of 2013. CBC survey result is 34.2% which is within 0.2% of the NHT survey average.</p> <p>Planned Actions: We will analyse in detail the National Highways & Transport (NHT) survey results in order to identify any areas for improvement. We will contact the highest performing similar authorities to identify any transferable good practice not already being undertaken. We will conduct 3 focus groups to provide us with information regarding the changes that we have made to the way we work and any further improvements that can be made in the future. We have rebranded the safety clothing so that CBC is more prominent. We have also rebranding our winter maintenance fleet with CBC.</p>												



D 1b MTP Percentage resident satisfaction with pavement maintenance. (Data taken from Resident's Survey undertaken twice a year in April and September)												
Unit	Good is		Actual Autumn 2013 Reported Quarter 2 2013/14	Actual Spring 2014 Reported Quarter 1 2014/15	Actual Autumn 2014 Reported Quarter 2 2014/15	Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Seasonal April and September	Performance Judgement	↓	A
%	High											
Percentage resident satisfaction with road maintenance	Target		50%	50%	50%							
	Actual		45%	49%	45%							
<p>Current Performance: As highlighted in the Autumn 14 Residents' Tracker Survey, satisfaction with Highways continues to be an issue for our residents.</p> <p>The condition of Central Bedfordshire's roads and pavements is comparatively good; the satisfaction level for pavement maintenance (45% against local target of 50%) shows we are slipping back as the satisfaction level has reduced by 4% since the last survey.</p> <p>The summary National Highways & Transport (NHT) survey results have been received. 78 highway authorities were surveyed and the average score for "pavements and footpaths" is 55.5% which is higher than the LGA national average (54%) of 2013. CBC survey result is 51.4% which is 1.4% higher than the target but 4.1% lower than the NHT survey average.</p> <p>Planned Actions: We will analyse in detail the National Highways & Transport (NHT) survey results in order to identify any areas for improvement. We will contact the highest performing similar authorities to identify any transferable good practice not already being undertaken. We will conduct 3 focus groups to provide us with information regarding the changes that we have made to the way we work and any further improvements that can be made in the future. We have rebranded the safety clothing so that CBC is more prominent. We have also rebranding our winter maintenance fleet with CBC.</p>												

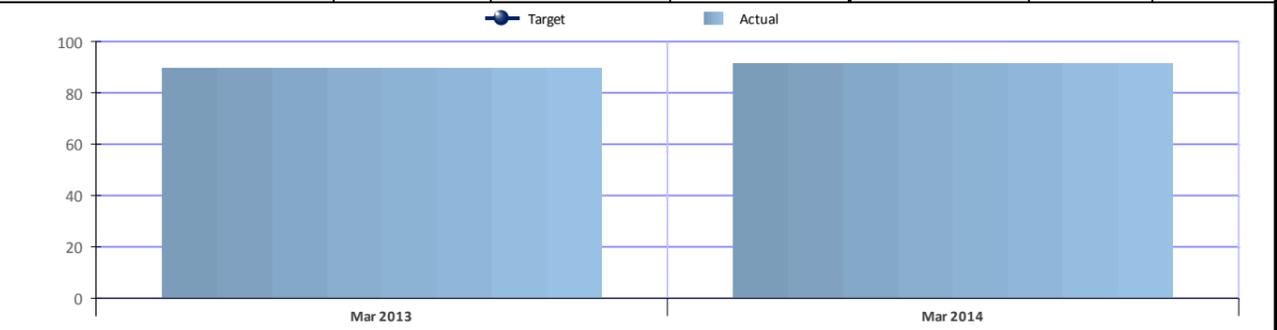


D 2 MTP	Percentage of Central Bedfordshire with access to superfast broadband												
Unit	Good is	Estimated Roll Out		Performance reported in Quarter 4			Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	↑	Monitor only
%	High	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17							
Percentage of Central Bedfordshire with access to superfast broadband – estimated private sector roll out by 2015	Target					95% of CBC							
	Number			4,500	8,500	9500 TOTAL 22,500							
	Denominator					Premises							
	Actual	70.3%	76.8%										
<p>Current Performance: Provisional outturn data for 2013/14.</p> <p>This indicator is currently sourced from the Ofcom UK fixed Broadband data series as this provides an on-going national time series analysis of comparable coverage:</p> <p>2011/12 = 67% coverage 2012/13 = 70.3% coverage 2013/14 = 76.8% coverage</p> <p>The Council in partnership with Milton Keynes and Bedford Councils has secured Broadband Delivery Funding along with state aid approval. This has resulted in BT being awarded (following a competitive procurement process) a contract to deliver its vision to achieve 90% coverage of Next Generation Access (NGA - Speeds greater than 24 megabits per second) and ensure 100% access to infrastructure able to deliver speeds of 2 mega bits per second by 2016. The Council is currently utilising the Broadband Delivery UK national procurement and state aid framework. Under this, approx. 15,500 premises will be supported to have access to superfast broadband infrastructure by 2016. Delivery of the project is currently ahead of target with 4,000 premises being connected since June 2014.</p> <p>Planned Actions: The Council is participating in the Broadband Delivery UK phase 2 broadband rollout project, in order to deliver the necessary infrastructure to provide superfast broadband (speeds of at least 24 Megabits per second) to at least 95% of premises and at least 2 Megabits per second to all premises.</p> <p>The Council has approved additional funding to rollout out superfast, bring the total Council investment in phase 2 of broadband rollout. The Council was also successful in securing an additional £300,000 funding from BDUK, bringing BDUK funding for Central Bedfordshire to £2 million. It is expected that the combined £4 million funding will exceed the 95% coverage target.</p> <p>The open market review has been completed and state aid approval from BDUK has been secured. The tender to select a private provider is now out, though due to delays from BDUK this is not now expected to be returned until March 2015.</p>													

D 3 MTP Percentage of Central Bedfordshire with access to at least 2Mb broadband

Unit	Good is	Outturn 2013/14 (Reported in Q4 report)	2014/15 (Reported in Q4 report)	2015/16 (Reported in Q4 report)	2016/17 (Reported in Q4 report)
%	High				
Percentage of Central Bedfordshire with access to at least 2Mb broadband – estimated private sector roll out by 2015	Target	NA	NA	NA	100%
	Number				
	Denominator				Premises
	Actual	91.4%			

Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	↑	Monitor only
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Current Performance:
Quarter 4 2013/14 commentary: Provisional outturn data for 2013/14.

This indicator is sourced from the Ofcom UK fixed Broadband data series as this provides an on-going time series analysis of comparable coverage.

2011/12 = 86.2% coverage
 2012/13 = 89.6% coverage
 2013/14 = 91.4% coverage

The Council in partnership with Milton Keynes and Bedford Councils has secured Broadband Delivery Funding along with state aid approval. As a result the Council has awarded BT (following a competitive procurement process) a contract to deliver its vision to achieve 90% coverage of Next Generation Access (NGA - Speeds greater than 24 megabits per second) and ensure 100% access to infrastructure able to deliver speeds of 2 mega bits per second by 2016.

Broadband coverage will increase further as the Council's Broadband Delivery UK project is rolled out. Since June 2014 an additional 4,000 homes have been connected to superfast broadband, which is ahead of the target for the project.

Planned Actions: The Council is participating in the Broadband Delivery UK phase 2 broadband rollout project in order to deliver the necessary infrastructure to provide superfast broadband (speeds of at least 24 Megabits per second) to at least 95% of premises and at least 2 Megabits per second to all premises.

The Council has approved additional funding to rollout out superfast, bring the total Council investment in phase 2 of broadband rollout. The Council was also successful in securing an additional £300,000 funding from BDUK, bringing BDUK funding for Central Bedfordshire to £2 million. It is expected that the combined £4 million funding will exceed the 95% coverage target.

The open market review has been completed and state aid approval from BDUK has been secured. The tender to select a private provider is now out, though due to delays from BDUK this is not now expected to be returned until March 2015.

Great universal services - Bins, leisure and libraries

E 1 MTP		Percentage of household waste sent for recycling																
Unit	Good is								Latest comparator group average	47.8% PWC 2009/10	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	↑	G			
%	High	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13				2013/14					2014/15					
		Outturn	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn
Household waste sent for recycling, reuse or composting				16,381 tonnes	16,988 tonnes	12,773 tonnes	10,752 tonnes	56,894 tonnes	16,431 tonnes	15,421 tonnes	12,827 tonnes	12,790 tonnes	57,469 tonnes	17,808 tonnes	15,303 tonnes			
Total Household waste collected (residual and recycling)				30,712 tonnes	30,988 tonnes	26,021 tonnes	24,566 tonnes	112,288 tonnes	31,382 tonnes	29,268 tonnes	26,621 tonnes	28,196 tonnes	115,467 tonnes	32,467 tonnes	30,220 tonnes			
Target			51					51					51					
Actual		51.6	51.1	53.3	54.8	49.1	43.8	50.7	52.4	52.7	48.2	45.4	49.8 Provisional	54.9	50.6			

Comment:

Current Performance:

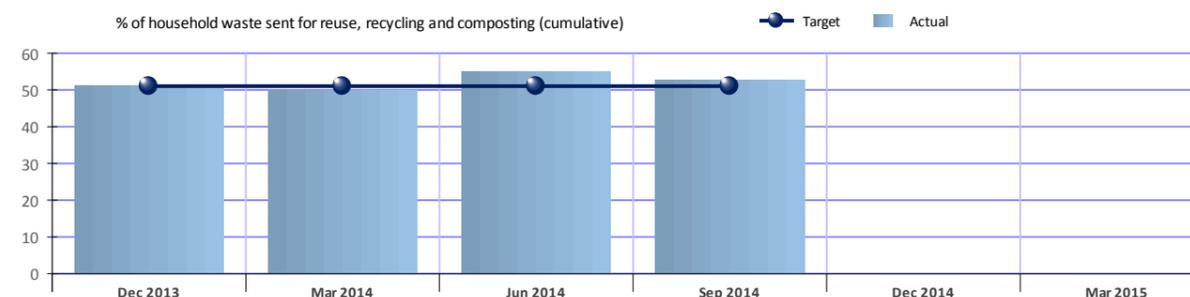
The 2013/14 full year outturn figure is 49.8%.

Performance under this indicator has seen a small decline on 2012/13 figures. This mirrors what is being seen in many LA's across the UK and is likely to be a result of manufacturers 'downsizing' packaging materials and changes to buying behaviour such as online newspaper subscriptions rather than print.

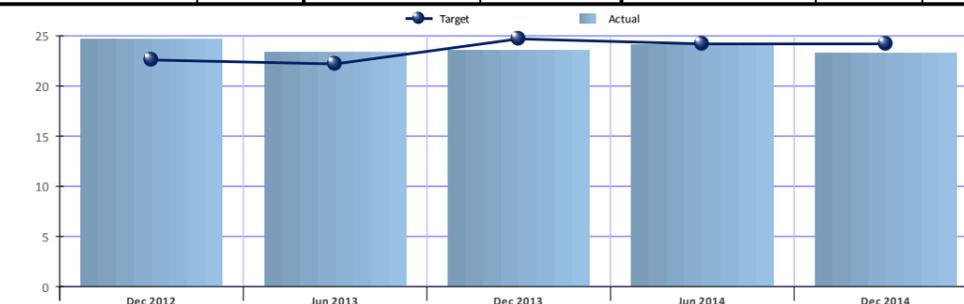
For this year, the cumulative percentage of waste sent for recycling, reuse and composting is 52.8% at Q2 2014; however, because of seasonal fluctuations, Q1 and Q2 always perform well. Based on forecasted Q3 and Q4 figures, the predicted outturn for the full year is 50% so is not predicted to meet the target figure of 51%.

Planned Actions: Quarter 4 (2013/14) The target in the MTP is to reach 60% by 2020 which is being delivered through improvements to existing collection schemes such as:

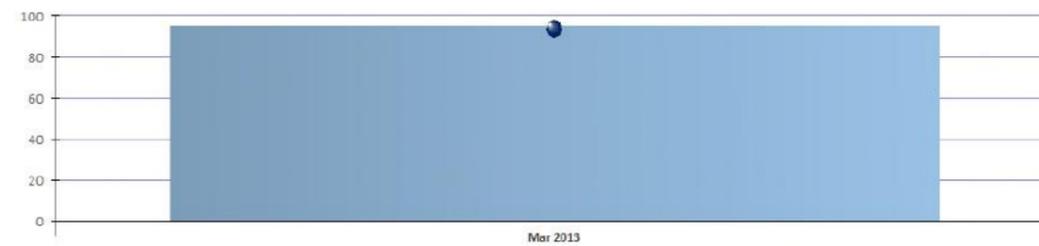
- the recent launch of textile, waste electrical and battery collections
- the redevelopment of 3 HWRC's
- the development of a new HWRC for Dunstable
- the roll out of food waste collection to the south of the area, and
- continue communications campaigns



E 2 MTP		Percentage of adults in Central Bedfordshire taking part in sport or active recreation. (Data taken from the Active People's Survey)					Latest comparator group average	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	↑	A
Unit	Good is	APS 7 Apr 2011 to Apr 2013	APS 6/7 Oct 2011 to Oct 2013	APS 8 Apr 2012 to Apr 2014	APS 8 Oct- 2012- Oct -2014							
%	High											
Percentage of adults in Central Bedfordshire taking part in sport or active recreation		23.4%	23.6%	24.1%	23.3%							
All English authorities	Best performing	31.6%	33.3%	33.9%	35.4%							
	Average	22.3%	24.8%	24.2%	25.7%							
	Worst performing	14.7%	16.0%	14.4%	15.3%							
Target to remain above national average		1.1% above	1.2% below	0.1% below	2.4% below							
Tolerance		Data Collection (ie Number / Denominator)	Percentage only									
<p>Comment: Quarter 3 - 2014/15</p> <p>Current Performance: Full Active People Survey 8 results (Oct 12 - Oct 14) recently published shows the percentage of Adults in Central Bedfordshire taking part is 23.3% a slight decrease from previous results of 24.1 % Apr 12 - Apr 14. This means that CBC's performance against target currently stands at 2.4% below the national average. The best performing authority has improved by 4.2% and the worst performing authority has improved by 5.9%. CBC has maintained a stable rate of participation.</p> <p>Planned Actions:</p> <p>The Physical Activity Strategy with 5 key strategic themes to increase participation. The team has also applied for funding from Sport England – Community Sports Activation Fund. 3yr programme to increase participation 14yrs + specifically targeting groups with additional needs. Central Beds was successful with this application and has started to implement the programme from Sept 2014</p> <p>Chapters 1,2,3 have been finalised and will provide the infrastructure to increase participation amongst our residents. This will work closely with Chapter 4 to communicate to our residents the opportunities that are currently available to them with regards to staying active.</p> <p>A large amount of capital investment is currently being implemented within the Leisure facilities. This will improve our exercise referral programme (GP referral) and increase throughput generally.</p> <p>The new leisure management contract has been awarded which has more of a focus on increasing participation for all abilities and not just focusing on those who want to. This will also work closely with Chapter 4 to communicate and work with out residents to make them aware of the opportunities currently available, break down any barriers to participation and provide structured pathways for people to sustain an active lifestyle.</p>												



E 3 MTP Satisfaction of adults with the Library Service.													
Unit	Good is		No Library Service Adult Plus Survey to be undertaken in 2012	Library Service's own Adult plus Survey 2013 (Restricted to library users)	Library Service's own Adult plus Survey 2014 (Restricted to library users)	Resident's Survey (If included in Survey it would include non-library users)	Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Seasonal April and September	Performance Judgement	↑	G
%	High												
Percentage of adults satisfied with the Library Service.	Target			93	93								
	Actual			95	95	Would form a new baseline							
Number satisfied													
Total number surveyed				3509									
New Target required – when next survey programmed				93									



Comment:

Current Performance:

March 2013 (Adult plus section of the Library Survey undertaken every three years)

The Library Service undertook the Adult Plus Survey in Quarter 1 2013/14.

The survey found that satisfaction with library services has improved in all areas between 2009 and 2013. The MTP target to maintain customer satisfaction at 93% and has been exceeded, with the service having an overall satisfaction rate of 95%. We believe this result is due to the continued commitment of staff to the service and their customers throughout a period of considerable change, the investments made in our library buildings, along with the installation of self service and no reductions in opening hours all demonstrating a commitment to the future of the Library Service across Central Bedfordshire.

March 2014 Children section

The Library Service undertook the children's survey in Quarter 1 2014/15 and this is currently being analysed. Results will be published in Autumn 2014.

Planned Actions March 2013:

March 2013 The Library service is currently developing a new set of service KPIs and framework for monitoring them. Using the Residents Survey as a way of capturing wider residents views on the Library Service forms part of this work. The Residents Survey in September 2014 will be used to indicate ongoing performance with the Library Service.

E 4 MTP		Library usage									
Unit	Good is	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Latest comparator group average		Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	↑	
Number of visitors	High	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn							
Target			REVISED BASELINE & TARGETS 2010/11 +20% by Yr 2015/16 = 1,331,091 Previous target 2010/11 +20% by Yr 2015/16 = 1,351,246	1,331,091							
Actual	REVISED 1,086,002 (Previously 1,247,914)		988,893	993,971							
<p>Outturn 2013/14: Library visit figures for 2013/14 are being reported for the first time and are 993,971, a slight increase of 5,078 from 2012/13.</p> <p>In addition to the footfall figures outlined above the Library Service supports customers at the Arlesey Resource access libraries services, in 2012/13 there were 10,801 visits. The Library Service will receive the figure for 2013/14 shortly.</p> <p>In 2013/14 the Library Service started to implement a performance framework working closely with Library Managers and Service Teams. The aim of the framework is to increase visitor numbers physically and virtually.</p> <p>The way in which people access Library Services is changing, for the first time in 2012/13 we were able to record the number of Central Bedfordshire residents visiting the Virtual Library to use the online information services (e-books, e-newspapers etc). These visitor figures demonstrate how people are choosing to access library services differently and can be regarded in the same way as physical library visits. There was an increase in usage of 3,913 visits between 2012/13 and 2013/14 (from 8,523 to 12,436).</p> <p>It is now possible to obtain figures for the number of item renewals undertaken by Central Bedfordshire residents on the Virtual Library. In the past, item renewals would have had to be undertaken by a physical visit to the library as it was not possible to do this on line. In 2012/13 there were 148,006 renewals and in 2013/14 there were 157,307 renewals. These cannot, however, be directly translated into physical visits as a library member may have more than one item.</p> <p>Following installation of a new people counter at Leighton Buzzard Centre it is now possible to record visits to the whole building as well as the library. The statistics will be gathered for the first time from April 2014.</p>					<p>Planned Actions:</p> <p>Planned Actions: As the way in which people access Library Services is changing, we have for the first time in 2012/13 been able to record the number of Central Bedfordshire residents visiting the Virtual library to use the online information services (e-books, e-newspapers etc). In 2012/13 there were 8,523 visits to these areas of the virtual library. Over the coming months we will also be able to report the number of Central Bedfordshire residents using the Virtual Library to access other services such as renewals, reservations and requests and we will begin to report this figures in due course. In addition to the footfall figures outlined above the Library Service supports customers at the Arlesey Resource access libraries services, in 2012/13 there were 10,801 visits. Agree revised Library Service 2010/11 baseline figures and revised 2015/ 16 target. The Library Service Level Agreement with Bedford Borough will be changed to include KPIs related to regular, accurate data recording. The KPIs are discussed and reviewed at quarterly meetings. Roll out of Library Service Performance Framework which will emphasis the importance of accurate, regular reporting of data and individuals roles and responsibilities in this area</p>						

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Central Bedfordshire Council

Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee
2015

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Nature Conservation Strategy for Central Bedfordshire

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Purpose of this report

- a. The purpose of the Nature Conservation Strategy (NCS) is to identify the overall aims, objectives and priorities for the conservation of biodiversity in Central Bedfordshire and bring them together within a single document.
- b. This report provides the Committee with opportunity to comment on the draft of this document.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider the draft document and recommend that Executive adopt the Nature Conservation Strategy to provide the framework on which the Council will take action for the conservation of biodiversity and the natural environment in Central Bedfordshire.

Background

1. The purpose of the Nature Conservation Strategy (NCS) (appendix 1) is to identify the overall aims, objectives and priorities for the conservation of biodiversity in Central Bedfordshire and bring them together within a single document.
2. This reflects the Council's duties under various Acts of Parliament, including the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006), known as the NERC Act. This states that all public bodies, such as the Council, when 'exercising their functions, have regard, so far as is

consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity'.

3. Since 1994 there have been many changes to the statutory framework regarding nature conservation, most recently with the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Our knowledge of the biodiversity within Central Bedfordshire and the opportunities for it to be enhanced in the future has also increased. This Strategy brings together the latest information to provide an up-to-date document to inform the emerging Development Strategy for Central Bedfordshire.

Aims of the Nature Conservation Strategy

4. The NCS will act as the reference document for anyone working within Central Bedfordshire, embedding the conservation of biodiversity within all areas of the Council's work, including those contracted out to other organisations. The aims of the NCS are as follows:
 - a. To identify and protect species and habitats across Central Bedfordshire and ensure their management is correct.
 - b. To identify and promote opportunities for enhancing the wildlife resource of existing areas, and for the provision of additional wildlife habitat.
 - c. To protect and enhance the biodiversity network across the urban area including stepping stones and linear habitats.
 - d. To identify and monitor Central Bedfordshire's natural resources and the policy background to nature conservation in a single subject document.
 - e. To provide a framework for the activities of the Council, local groups and other organisations that may impact on the natural environment.
 - f. To generate interest in biodiversity and the environment and to encourage community involvement in the creation and management of sites. Also, to make areas of wildlife interest accessible to all people within Central Bedfordshire.

Benefits of this approach

5. Biodiversity and the ecosystems that it makes up are often undervalued by conventional economic analysis and decision making, although they are critically important to our well-being and economic prosperity.
6. The provision of a better environment through the sympathetic management for biodiversity has direct benefits to the local economy. It creates an image which is attractive to employers and employees who are already in the area and also helps to attract more investment into Central Bedfordshire. It is, therefore, a subject of importance to the promotion of economic development. Nature conservation also helps to enhance Central Bedfordshire's overall "sense of place" and attraction which will help to increase visitor numbers and tourism in general.

7. Ecosystems provide a vast range of services which enable us to survive, from producing food, controlling water supplies and regulating the climate, to providing opportunities for recreation and contact with nature which research has shown promotes long term health and happiness (Natural England 2012).
8. The NPPF requires the Council, as a Local Planning Authority, to have a responsibility to promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species populations. These are linked to national and local targets, and identify suitable indicators for monitoring biodiversity..
9. In addition, the planning system, through the outcomes it helps deliver, can contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible. This contributes to the Government's commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, which includes the establishment of coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures.
10. The NCS will help guide planning and strategic decisions by demonstrating the value of linking wildlife areas / corridors, for example the Nature Improvement Area (NIA) and aspirations within the Forest of Marston Vale.
11. The issues covered by the NCS are vital when considering threats to biodiversity, pressures from areas of strategic development and helping protect the fragile connections to relatively isolated sites by directing development to other, less sensitive areas. The NCS will also help direct schemes of habitat creation to areas where this would be of most benefit by linking them up within the biodiversity network.
12. Central Bedfordshire's geology and surrounding landscape means that there are already many high quality wildlife habitats close to where people live and work, as well as scope for further enhancement. These provide many benefits such as regulating environmental functions like air pollution, to providing a positive 'sense of place' and promoting health and wellbeing.
13. The NCS also provides clarification as to how national nature conservation policy and strategy is being addressed in Central Bedfordshire. For example the National Pollinator Strategy (2014) urges councils to make a number of adjustments to existing planting and management to improve the quality and extent of habitats suitable for pollinators.
14. The NCS stresses the need for co-operation and co-ordination of such strategies to ensure Council departments, local organisations and statutory bodies work together. The NCS contains an Action Plan defining programmes and initiatives to support the aims.

Council Priorities

15. A high quality natural environment underpins all of the Council's priorities. Specifically the Nature Conservation Strategy will support delivery of the following Council priorities;
- a. enhancing your local community – protecting our countryside
 - b. promote health and well being – access to a healthy environment

Corporate Implications

16. **Sustainability implications:** Human development and wellbeing is dependent on the health of our natural environment – which the NCS addresses. We use natural resources to power our economic and social development and rely on numerous 'ecosystem services' to ensure a continuously healthy planet - from a clean supply of air, water, food and raw materials, to disease regulation and space for recreation.

Legal Implications

17. The NCS reflects the Council's duties under various Acts of Parliament, including the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006), known as the NERC Act, which requires all public bodies to 'in exercising their functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity'. The NCS also covers "Species and Habitats of Principal Importance" as identified in section 41 of the NERC Act together with nationally protected species covered by the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 and European species under the Habitats Directive 1992.

Financial Implications

18. The NCS does not seek any additional budget for implementation. The recommendations made in the Strategy will be taken forward through continued collaborative working across departments, with partners and through organisations such as the Local Nature Partnership.

Equalities Implications

19. None.

Conclusion and next Steps

20. The NCS will support cross directorate working, encouraging a co-ordinated approach towards the care, management, disposal and acquisition of natural spaces across Central Bedfordshire. This will help to ensure that the Council meets its duty in having regard for biodiversity, and therefore contribute towards securing a sustainable environment which benefits both residents and the wider population who choose to visit and work here.
21. Amendments will be made based on relevant feedback and comments from the Committee. The NCS will then be taken to Executive in

September 2015 and request that it is adopted to provide the framework on which the Council will take action for the conservation of biodiversity and the natural environment in Central Bedfordshire.

Appendices

The following Appendix is attached / provided through an electronic link:

Appendix 1: Draft Nature Conservation Strategy for Central Bedfordshire
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/environment/natural-environment/default.aspx>

Background Papers

None

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Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 18 June 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.	Highways Contract Award	4 August 2015
Non Key Decisions		

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
20 August 2015	Cranfield Masterplan	To receive a report regarding the Cranfield Masterplan
20 August 2015	Allocations Local Plan Site Selection Criteria	To receive a report regarding the Local plan site selection criteria
20 August 2015	Gypsy and Traveller Plan next steps	To receive a report regarding the G&T plan
20 August 2015	Q4 Budget Monitoring Report	To receive a report on the relevant Budget Monitoring Information
20 August 2015	Anglian Water update	To receive an update from Anglian Water regarding water pressure/service issues in Central Bedfordshire
22 October 2015	Housing Technical Guidance	To receive a report regarding Housing Technical Guidance
22 October 2015	Fees and Charges 2016	To receive a report from the Fees and Charges Task Force
22 October 2015	Environmental Enhancement Strategy	To receive a report regarding the environmental enhancement strategy
10 December 2015	Draft Capital Programme 2016/17-2019/20	To receive a report on the Draft Capital Programme 2016/17-2019/20
10 December 2015	Draft Budget and MTFP 2016/17	To receive a report on the Draft Budget and MTFP 2016/17
10 December 2015	Draft Budget for the Housing Revenue Account	To receive a report on the Draft Budget for the Housing Revenue Account (Landlord Service)

14 January 2016	Draft Budget	To receive a report regarding the Draft Budget
14 January 2016	Draft Fees and Charges	To receive a report regarding Draft Fees and Charges