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NOTICE OF MEETING

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Thursday, 26 October 2017 10.00 a.m.

Venue at

Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

Cllrs Mrs J G Lawrence (Chairman), G Perham (Vice-Chairman),
Mrs C F Chapman MBE, Mrs A L Dodwell, P Hollick, J G Jamieson,
K C Matthews, B J Spurr, N Warren, S Watkins, R D Wenham and A Zerny

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs R D Berry, D Bowater, N B Costin, E Ghent, Ms A M W Graham,
D J Lawrence and M A G Versallion]

All other Members of the Council - on request

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MEETING***

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitute Members.

2. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 22 June 2017 (copy attached).

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

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

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

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 4G 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 4G of the Constitution.

Reports

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
7.	Community Governance Review To consider undertaking a proposed Community Governance Review for Central Bedfordshire and approve the associated terms of reference.	* 11 - 42
8.	Wixams Joint Development Control Committee – Membership To consider a proposed amendment to the Wixams Joint Development Control Committee's terms of reference to reduce the number of Councillors appointed to the Committee.	* 43 - 48

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| 9. | Review of Policy and Procedure under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 | * 49 - 78 |
| | To consider the annual update of the Council's use of its powers and compliance under and with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and the review of the policy and procedures under RIPA following an inspection by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners in August 2017. | |
| 10. | Report on the Arrangements for Ethical Standards | * 79 - 92 |
| | To consider a summary of the Council's ethical governance and arrangements since March 2017. | |
| | (Note: Appendix C to the report is to follow). | |
| 11. | Review of Urgent and Minor Updates to the Constitution | * 93 - 96 |
| | To consider changes made to the Constitution during the period 1 March to 30 September 2017. | |
| 12. | Executive Contract Approval Limits | + To Follow |
| | To consider proposed amendments to the procurement threshold authorisation limits contained in Part 4J (Code of Procurement Governance) of the Constitution. | |
| 13. | Work Programme | * 97 - 100 |
| | To consider the Committee's work programme. | |