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NOTICE OF MEETING

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Thursday, 28 March 2019 10.00 a.m.

Venue at

Room 15, 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 A L Dodwell, J G Jamieson, D J Lawrence, K C Matthews, B J Spurr,
N Warren, S Watkins, R D Wenham and A Zerny

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs Mrs C F Chapman MBE, F Firth, E Ghent, I Shingler, A M Turner 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 13 December 2018.

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 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 Part 4G of the Constitution.

Reports

Item Subject

7. **NJC Pay Spine Review Update**

This report provides an update on Central Bedfordshire Council's implementation of the National Joint Council (NJC) pay bargaining agreement for the pay deal effective 1 April 2019.

8. **Outside Bodies**

The purpose of this report is to present the updated Outside Bodies policy for approval and the list of Outside Bodies requiring appointment. Also presented is a list of Outside Bodies no longer requiring an appointment.

9. **Central Bedfordshire Council - Electoral Review**

The report proposes the establishment of a Member Working Group to consider and make recommendations to this Committee on the Electoral Review of Central Bedfordshire Council that is being conducted by the Local Government Boundary Committee for England.

10. **Protocol for Member/Officer Communication**

This report sets out the Council's proposed response to a recent survey of Members on their experience of raising queries with officers, requested at a previous meeting.

11. **Proposed changes to the Director of Children's Services Delegated Powers relating to Education and Maintained Schools**

This report proposes changes to the Director of Children's Services delegated powers in carrying out the functions of the Council relating to education and making prescribed alterations to schools, and the establishment and discontinuance of maintained schools.

12. **Report on the Arrangements for Ethical Standards**

To provide the Committee with a summary of the Council's ethical governance arrangements since October 2018 and to comment and give direction on those areas of best practice contained in the Government's Committee on Standards in Public Life.

13. **Work Programme**

The purpose of this report is to assist the General Purposes Committee in discharging its responsibilities by providing a proposed work programme for consideration.