

**Central Bedfordshire Council
Forward Plan of Key Decisions
1 August 2009 to 31 July 2010**

- 1) During the period from **1 August 2009 to 31 July 2010**, Central Bedfordshire Council plans to make key decisions on the issues set out below. “Key decisions” relate to those decisions of the Executive which are likely:
- to result in the incurring of expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant (namely £200,000 or above per annum) having regard to the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
 - to be significant in terms of their effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the area of Central Bedfordshire.
- 2) The Forward Plan is a general guide to the key decisions to be determined by the Executive and will be updated on a monthly basis. Key decisions will be taken by the Executive as a whole. The Members of the Executive are:

Member	Portfolio
Cllr Mrs Tricia Turner MBE	Chairman of the Executive and Leader of the Council
Cllr Richard Stay	Vice-Chairman of the Executive and Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Business Transformation
Cllr Rita Drinkwater	Portfolio Holder for Housing
Cllr Carole Hegley	Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation
Cllr Maurice Jones	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources
Cllr Anita Lewis	Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services
Cllr Steve Male	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Skills & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation
Cllr Ken Matthews	Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Regeneration
Cllr David McVicar	Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities
Cllr Tom Nicols	Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development & Portfolio Champion for Business Transformation

- 3) Those items identified for decision more than one month in advance may change in forthcoming Plans. Each new Plan supersedes the previous Plan. Any person who wishes to make representations to the Executive about the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made should do so to the officer whose telephone number and e-mail address are shown in the Forward Plan. Any correspondence should be sent to the contact officer at the relevant address as shown below. General questions about the Plan such as specific dates, should be addressed to the Head of Democratic Services, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ.
- 4) The agendas for meetings of the Executive will be published as follows:

Meeting Date	Publication of Agenda
12 May 2009	01 May 2009
23 June 2009	15 June 2009
21 July 2009	13 July 2009
18 August 2009	10 August 2009
15 September 2009	7 September 2009
13 October 2009	5 October 2009
10 November 2009	2 November 2009
8 December 2009	30 November 2009
12 January 2010	4 January 2010
9 February 2010	1 February 2010
9 March 2010	1 March 2010
6 April 2010	25 March 2010

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Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2010

Key Decisions

Date of Publication: 15 July 2009

Ref No.	Issue for Key Decision by the Executive (and intended decision)	Indicative Meeting Date	Consultees and Date / Method	Documents which may be considered	Contact Members and Officer (Method of Comment and Closing Date)
1.	Street Lighting & Bridge Maintenance Strategies - This paper is to gain a steer from Executive on how best to manage an ageing street lighting stock and to advise Members on how essential maintenance work will be carried out to ensure safe usage of the Council's bridge structures.	18 August 2009	Police Community Groups	Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 02/08/09 to Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways basil.jackson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228477
2.	Property Acquisitions and Disposals Monitoring - Standing item for key decisions and quarterly basis monitoring and reporting of all property transactions	18 August 2009	Items will have been reviewed and assessed by the CBC Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG).	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 22/07/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105

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3.	Medium Term Accommodation Plan - To review the strategy for CBC office accommodation.	18 August 2009	Management Team CAMG All Service Areas	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 22/07/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038015
4.	Albion Archaeology - That all historic environment work of Albion Archaeology should be carried out in accordance with the Code of Conduct and other by-laws of the Institute of Archaeologists (IfA). Resolution required in order that Albion can maintain registration under the scheme.	18 August 2009		IfA Code of Conduct IfA By-Law (Regulations for the Registration of Organisation)	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 22/07/09 to to Contact Officer: Gary Worth, Assistant Director Development Management gary.worth@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5177
5.	Update of Design Guide for Central Bedfordshire - To approve the updated Design Guide.	18 August 2009		Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 22/07/09 to Contact Officer: Fiona Webb, Team Leader, Conservation Project Design fiona.webb@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4405

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6.	Review of Historic Building Grant Aid Scheme and Listed Buildings At Risk - To approve the Scheme.	18 August 2009		Buildings at Risk Survey (North Area) 2008 Buildings at Risk Survey (South Area) 2005	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 22/07/09 to Contact Officer: Robin Uff, Principal Planning Officer robin.uff@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611339
7.	Rushmere Park - acquisition of land in partnership with the Greensand Trust - Approval to the commitment of external funding resources (registered in the capital programme) to the purchase of land for open access part of the provision of new green infrastructure for the Growth Agenda.	18 August 2009	Ouzel Valley Park Partnership (a consortium of representatives from the Leighton Linlade Town Council, The Greensand Trust, British Waterways, Sustrans, the Environment Agency, Buckinghamshire County Council and Council officers from Planning and Culture.) Councillors Peter Rawcliffe, Peter Snelling, Alan Shadbolt and Brian Spurr (Chairman of the Council) who attended a site meeting with the Portfolio Holder and the Greensand Trust on 25 June 2009.	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 02/08/09 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239

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8.	Children and Young People's Plan - To agree the Children and Young People's Plan.	15 September 2009	Stakeholders, members of the public children and young people	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5522
9.	Community Engagement Strategy - To approve the Strategy for Central Bedfordshire Council.	15 September 2009	Portfolio Holder (Business Transformation) LSP Partners	Report	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Ian Porter, Assistant Director Service Policy, Partnerships & Performance ian.porter@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276067
10.	Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2009 - 2010 - This is the first Children and Young People's Plan. Thereafter it will be refreshed annually.	15 September 2009	Consultation has already taken place with children and young people. Further stakeholder consultation will take place in May, June and July though a variety of mechanisms such as workshops, information published on our website and meetings with key partners.	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0845 849 6092

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11.	Customer Services Strategy - To approve the Strategy.	15 September 2009		Report	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Assistant Director Business Transformation & Customer Services clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168
12.	Licensing Policy and Framework - To approve the Policy and Framework.	15 September 2009	Licensing Trade Portfolio Holder (Safer and Stronger Communities) Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee Three month period commencing 1 April 2009, meetings, publication on website and in other media	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Susan Childerhouse, Head of Public Protection (North) susan.childerhouse@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611394
13.	Property Services Review - To report on the process for reviewing future delivery of property services for CBC.	15 September 2009	CAMG All Service Areas Stakeholders	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 19/08/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105

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14.	Specialist Provision for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders at Holmemead Middle School, Biggleswade - To approve the proposal to set up a Specialist Provision for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders at Homemead Middle School, Biggleswade.	15 September 2009	Statutory Consultees - consultation carried out in April/May 2009 and Statutory Notices published June 2009.	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 21/08/09 to Contact Officer: Helen Redding, Head of SEN and Inclusion helen.redding@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228148
15.	Business Transformation Strategy - To approve the Strategy.	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Richard Stay Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Assistant Director Business Transformation & Customer Services clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01462 611168
16.	Commissioning Policy - To agree the policy	13 October 2009	Stakeholder and the Children's Trust	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 22/09/09 to Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Planning and Commissioning sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5522

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17.	Medium Term Property Strategy Update - To report on the progress of the implementation of the strategy.	13 October 2009		Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 13/10/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
18.	Property Acquisitions and Disposals Monitoring - Standing item for key decisions and quarterly basis monitoring and reporting of all property transactions.	10 November 2009	Items will have been reviewed and assessed by the CBC Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG).	Report	Cllr Maurice R Jones Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Mark Bassett, Specialist Advisor - Property mark.bassett@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 276889 / 07939 038105
19.	Harmonisation of Waste Management Services - To provide Members with the opportunity to comment on suggested service changes.	10 November 2009		Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Steve Whittaker, Contract Services Manager steve.whittaker@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4344

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20.	Lord Laming Action Plan - To agree the plan.	10 November 2009	Stakeholders and the Local Safeguarding Children Board	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 14/10/09 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
21.	Eligibility for payments policy - To agree the policy	8 December 2009		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
22.	Raising Achievement Policy - To agree the policy	8 December 2009		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Head of School Standards and Improvement patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6821
23.	Luton-Dunstable Guided Busway - To receive the Tender Returns and recommendations to progress the scheme.	8 December 2009		Report	Cllr Tom Nicols Comments by 10/11/09 to Contact Officer: John Austin, Interim Head of Transport Strategy john.austin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01234 228687

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24.	Development of a Uniformed Presence for Central Bedfordshire - To consider the options available for Central Bedfordshire to undertake enforcement of a range of environmental and community safety legislation (including the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) and Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (CNEA)) and exploring the role that a uniformed team has in that respect.	12 January 2010	Relevant Portfolio Holders	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Jeanette Keyte, Community Safety Manager jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0845 849 6252
25.	Children's Workforce Development Strategy - To agree the strategy.	12 January 2010	Stakeholders and the Children's Trust	Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Head of School Standards and Improvement patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6821

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26.	Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention Policy - To agree the policy	12 January 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Glen Denham, Assistant Director Integrated Services 0-19 glen.denham@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6125
27.	Cultural Strategy - To agree the policy.	12 January 2010		Report	Cllr Stephen F Male Comments by 10/12/09 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 3004239
28.	CCTV Service Options - To consider options available to move to a common approach to the provision of a CCTV service within Central Bedfordshire.	9 February 2010	Portfolio Holder (Safer and Stronger Communities) Key Stakeholders	Report	Cllr David McVicar Comments by 15/01/10 to Contact Officer: Jeanette Keyte, Community Safety Manager jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0845 849 6252

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30.	Play Strategy - To agree the strategy	9 March 2010		Report	<p>Clr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Roy Waterfield, Assistant Director Leisure and Culture, Libraries, Adult and Community Learning roy.waterfield@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4239</p>
31.	Child Poverty Strategy - To agree the strategy	9 March 2010		Report	<p>Clr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 Glen Denham, Assistant Director Integrated Services 0-19 glen.denham@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6125</p>

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32.	Transitions Policy - To agree the policy	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
33.	Safeguarding Policy - To agree the policy	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
34.	Child in Need Policy - To agree the policy	9 March 2010		None.	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
35.	Looked After Children and Young People Policy - To agree the policy.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484

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36.	Fostering Policy - To agree the policy	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
37.	Adoption Policy - To agree the policy.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
38.	Private Fostering Policy - To agree the policy.	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Martin Pratt, Assistant Director Specialist Services martin.pratt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4484
39.	Children Missing Education Policy - To agree the policy	9 March 2010		Report	Cllr Mrs Anita M Lewis Comments by 10/02/10 to Contact Officer: Patrick Shevlin, Head of School Standards and Improvement patrick.shevlin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6821

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The following table sets out the dates on which the Central Bedfordshire Council Forward Plan will be published in 2009/10:

Date of Publication	Period of Plan
08.05.09	1 June 2009 – 31 May 2010
15.06.09	1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010
15.07.09	1 August 2009 – 31 July 2010
13.08.09	1 September 2009 – 31 August 2010
10.09.09	1 October 2009 – 30 September 2010
08.10.09	1 November 2009 – 31 October 2010
05.11.09	1 December 2009 – 30 November 2010
03.12.09	1 January – 31 December 2010
07.01.10	1 February 2010 – 31 January 2011
04.02.10	1 March 2010 – 28 February 2011
04.03.10	1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011
31.03.10	1 May 2010 – 30 April 2011