

Appendix B(ii)

Economic Growth, Skills and Regeneration

This division provides the strategic leadership towards achieving the ambition of recognition as an Economic Powerhouse. To create a climate of economic prosperity delivering job opportunities and skills training to support our growing population. We work alongside the national, sub national and local agencies; collaborating and building strong partnerships with common goals. Seeking to respond effectively to the competitive global business environment and position the Central Bedfordshire area to reach its full potential. The service has significant contribution to the corporate priority of "managing growth effectively".

To deliver this the team operates in 3 service areas:

- Business Investment & Marketing - 'Business'
- Community Regeneration & Adult Skills - 'People'
- Economic Development & Physical Regeneration - 'Place'

Highways & Transportation

The role of this division is to enable the delivery of a wider range of sustainable travel options, highways maintenance, and increasing transport capacity to support growth. The three service areas cover:

1. Highways Contract
 - Highway maintenance contract - Bedfordshire Highways (Amey)
 - Renewal and improvement
 - Partnership working to improve service delivery
2. Traffic Management
 - Traffic management safety - speed limits, parking and freight issues
 - School Crossing Patrols
 - Road safety education, training and publicity
3. Passenger Transport
 - Public transport
 - Education transport
 - Social services transport

Planning

The planning Division takes the corporate lead for the Council's priority of 'Managing Growth Effectively' and produces all planning strategies and the Development Plan for Central Bedfordshire. This work is carried out through public and partner consultation and delivered with partner collaboration.

Development Management ensures the delivery of high quality and sustainable development in Central Bedfordshire that is in accordance with the Council's Development Plan. This is achieved through consideration and determination of all types of planning applications, building control approval and other applications related to development. This division defends the decisions of the authority on appeal, enforces planning controls, and negotiates and secures substantial financial contributions that improve the social, physical and green infrastructure of Central Bedfordshire.

Countryside Services has a fundamental role to play in improving the quality of life of all the residents of Central Bedfordshire and enhancing the unique character of its communities and environment. Albion Archaeology is a trading unit specializing in archaeological investigation and works associated with the delivery of many major developments within the area.

Community Safety, Public Protection, Waste & Leisure

This division takes the corporate lead for the Council's priority of 'Creating Safer Communities' working closely with the Community Safety Partnership for Central Bedfordshire to reduce crime and disorder, antisocial behaviour and other behaviour affecting the local environment, as well as reducing the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, reduce the fear of crime and increase public confidence in our service. It also provides a regulatory framework that supports business growth whilst protecting public health and consumers.

The waste section delivers a sustainable waste management service which aims to minimise waste generation and the use of landfill by maximising re-use, recycling and composting of waste, the team are charged with delivering a long term waste strategy to find sustainable solutions for managing Central Bedfordshire's waste. It is also responsible for maintaining high standards of cleanliness across Central Bedfordshire's streets and environment, ensuring they are kept clean and responding to incidents of fly tipping, littering and graffiti.

The leisure team manages two leisure contracts for eight leisure and theatre facilities and works in partnership to maximize external income to deliver programmes of sport, physical activity and play which supports Every Child Matter outcomes in the Children's Plan and adult participation in sport.