

**Central Bedfordshire Council
Forward Plan of Key Decisions
1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012**

- 1) During the period from **1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012**, 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:

Cllr James Jamieson	Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Executive
Cllr Maurice Jones	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources
Cllr Mark Versallion	Executive Member for Children’s Services
Cllr Mrs Carole Hegley	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing
Cllr Ken Matthews	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Strategic Planning and Economic Development
Cllr Brian Spurr	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services
Cllr Mrs Tricia Turner MBE	Executive Member for Economic Partnerships
Cllr Richard Stay	Executive Member for External Affairs

- 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 Committee Services Manager, 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
15 March 2011	03 March 2011
05 April 2011	24 March 2011
31 May 2011	19 May 2011
12 July 2011	30 June 2011
23 August 2011	11 August 2011
4 October 2011	22 September 2011
15 November 2011	3 November 2011
6 December 2011	24 November 2011
10 January 2012	22 December 2011
14 February 2012	2 February 2012
27 March 2012	15 March 2012
15 May 2012	3 May 2012

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Key Decisions

Date of Publication: 15 December 2012

Ref No.	Issue for Key Decision by the Executive	Intended Decision	Indicative Meeting Date	Consultees and Date/Method	Documents which may be considered	Portfolio Holder and Contact officer (method of comment and closing date)
1.	Harmonisation of the Housing Needs Service in Central Bedfordshire -	To approve the harmonisation of the Housing Needs Service in Central Bedfordshire.	10 January 2012		Report	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 09/12/11 to Contact Officer: Mary Goodson, Policy Advisor Email: mary.goodson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5515
2.	Fairer Charging - Phase 2 -	To receive an update on phase 2 fairer charging and to make a decision on the introduction of weekly charge for Telecare Services.	10 January 2012	Current Telecare users (individual letter and survey); Stakeholder Groups and Public (email and web-based survey) 15 August 2011 – 4 November 2011.	Report Consultation document containing proposals Analysis of consultation responses	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 09/12/11 to Contact Officer: Tim Hoyle, Head of Business Systems Email: tim.hoyle@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6065

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3.	ICT Framework Document -	To approve the ICT Framework document.	10 January 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 09/12/2011 to Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Chief ICT Officer Email: clive.jones@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4168
4.	Outcome of the Review of Children's Centres -	To consider the outcome of the review of children's centres.	10 January 2012		Report	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 09/12/2011 to Contact Officer: Catherine Parry, Assistant Director (Acting), Children's Services Operations Email: catherine.parry@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6441
5.	Treasury Management Policy and the Treasury Management Strategy -	To recommend to Council the adoption of the Treasury Management Policy and Treasury Management Strategy.	10 January 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 09/12/11 to Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147

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6.	Budget 2012/13 -	To recommend to Council the proposed budget for 2012/13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue Budget; • Capital Budget; and • Fees and Charges. 	14 February 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 13/01/12 to Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147
7.	Housing Revenue Account Budget 2012/13 -	To recommend to Council the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2012/13 for approval.	14 February 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources, Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 13/01/12 to Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer and/or Tony Keaveney, Assistant Director Housing Services Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147 and/or tony.keaveney@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5213

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8.	Localism Bill -	To consider the Localism Bill and the delivery through the Community Strategy.	14 February 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 13/01/12 to Contact Officer: Peter Fraser, Head of Partnerships & Community Engagement Email: peter.fraser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6740
9.	Corporate Asset Management Strategy -	To approve the Corporate Asset Management Strategy.	14 February 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 13/01/12 to Contact Officer: Ian Brown, Interim Chief Assets Officer Email: ian.brown@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5711

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10.	Central Bedfordshire Local Broadband Plan -	To approve the Central Bedfordshire Local Broadband Plan, setting out the vision for broadband in the area and approval to use Council funds to enter into the Broadband Delivery UK procurement framework to deliver necessary infrastructure to deliver superfast broadband for the area.	14 February 2012	A public consultation on the vision for the area will be undertaken prior to any procurement exercises.	The draft Local Broadband Plan	Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 13/01/2012 to Contact Officer: James Cushing, Head of Economic Policy Email: james.cushing@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4984
11.	Review of Central Bedfordshire Council Library Service -	Approval is sought to: A: agree the Central Bedfordshire vision for the Libraries Service; and B: agree a sustainable model of future Library Service provision.	27 March 2012	Throughout May - July 2011 a series of focus groups and workshops with service users and partners and stakeholders. From October 2011 – January 2012 a formal consultation on the vision and potential service delivery models.	Emerging vision, core service offer and aspiration Libraries Service Review Report Outcomes from consultation process Equality Impact Assessment	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Kate McFarlane, Head of Community Regeneration & Adult Skills Email: kate.mcfarlane@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5858

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12.	Community Safety Partnership Priorities and the Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2012-2013 -	To adopt the Community Safety Partnership Priorities and the Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2012-2013.	27 March 2012	Strategic Assessment & Partnership Plan will be considered at the Community Safety Partnership Executive meeting in November/December, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Local Strategic Partnership.	Strategic Assessment Priorities & Community Safety Partnership Plan 2012-2013	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Jeanette Keyte, Community Safety Manager Email: jeanette.keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5232
13.	Leighton Buzzard Town Centre Planning and Development Briefs -	To endorse the planning document for two sites as Interim Technical Guidance for Development Management Purposes.	27 March 2012	Statutory consultation procedure to be carried out in Autumn 2011.	Leighton Buzzard Town Centre sites Planning and Development Briefs	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Liz Wade, Assistant Director Economic Growth and Regeneration Email: liz.wade@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6288
14.	Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring -	To consider quarter 3 budget monitoring report.	27 March 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147

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15.	Alternative Future Provision of the Pupil Referral Unit -	To consider an alternative provision free school - Pupil Referral Unit	27 March 2012		Report	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Pete Dudley, Assistant Director Children's Service Email: pete.dudley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4203
16.	Local Lettings Policy to Rural Exception Sites in Central Bedfordshire -	To agree the Local Lettings Policy to allocate affordable housing to Rural Exception Sites in Central Bedfordshire.	27 March 2012		Report Report	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Hamid Khan, Head of Housing Needs Email: hamid.khan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5369

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17.	All Age Skills Strategy and the Skills Role of the Local Authority -	Approval is sought to agree the All Age Skills Strategy for Central Bedfordshire and to agree on the future role of the local authority in the skills agenda.	27 March 2012	<p>The draft All Age Skills Strategy was created following a series of workshops, focus groups and interviews with partners, stakeholders and individuals, during June and July 2011. From early August to late October 2011, a formal 13 week consultation on the draft strategy was held. A follow up stakeholder workshop was held in mid October.</p> <p>Across November and December 2011, a series of one to one meetings, structured interviews and workshops will be held internally to establish the existing skills role of the local authority and to seek views on the potential future role. In January 2012 external stakeholders will be consulted with, again through workshops and interviews to examine Central Bedfordshire wide skills governance arrangements.</p>	<p>All Age Skill Strategy All Age Skills Strategy Consultation Report Report on the future role of the local authority in the skills agenda, with options analysis and implementation plan for the preferred option Equality Impact Assessment</p>	<p>Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 26/02/11 to Contact Officer: Kate McFarlane, Head of Community Regeneration & Adult Skills Email: kate.mcfarlane@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5858</p>

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18.	The Future of Special Schooling in the South of Central Bedfordshire -	To consider the responses to the statutory notices to merge Hillcrest Community Special School and Glenwood Community Special School to create a single area special school for pupils with complex educational needs (Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD), Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) and Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) with additional needs) ages 3-19, and make a recommendation as a consequence of this process having been completed.	27 March 2012		Report	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Pete Dudley, Assistant Director Children's Service Email: pete.dudley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4203

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19.	Medium Term Accommodation Plan - Capital Approval -	To approve the capital for the Medium Term Accommodation Plan.	27 March 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 26/02/2012 to Contact Officer: Gillian Dent, Project Manager Email: gillian.dent@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4656
20.	Award of the Housing Responsive Maintenance and Void Repairs Contract -	To award the housing responsive maintenance and void repairs contract.	27 March 2012		Report	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Basil Quinn, Housing Asset Manager Performance Email: basil.quinn@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5118

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21.	Implementation of the School Organisation Plan: New School places programme 2011/12 - 2016/17 -	The Council's statutory duty regarding sufficiency of school places and implementation of the identified need in the previously published school organisation plan. The report will set out each proposed new place project and outline the source of funding.	27 March 2012	Consultation with Governors and parents in areas where new schemes apply.	Report	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 26/02/2012 to Contact Officer: Pete Dudley, Assistant Director Children's Service Email: pete.dudley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4203
22.	Brewers Hill Road Sites, Dunstable Regeneration -	To adopt/endorse the plans for the Brewers Hill Road sites as a Supplementary Planning Document or endorsement as Interim Technical Guidance for Development Management Purposes.	15 May 2012	Statutory consultation procedure to be carried out in January/February 2012 using exhibitions, meetings, presentations and questionnaires.	Brewers Hill Road sites, Dunstable Planning and Development Brief	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 14/04/12 to Contact Officer: Andy Lewis, Major Projects Officer or Peter Burt, MRICS, Head of Property Assets Email: peter.burt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5281 or andy.lewis@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5526

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23.	The Approach to Central Bedfordshire Council Parking -	To consider how Central Bedfordshire Council manage parking across the district, recognising the needs of shoppers businesses, residents and new developments.	15 May 2012	The Strategy has been through a full public consultation before coming back to the Executive for approval.	Report	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 14/04/2011 to Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways & Transport Email: basil.jackson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6171
24.	Development Strategy -	The Development Strategy will set out the broad approach to new development across Central Bedfordshire to 2031, including new housing and employment targets and new large-scale development sites. The Executive will be requested to consider and agree the Central Bedfordshire Development Strategy for the purposes of Publication and subsequent Submission to the Secretary of State.)	6 November 2012	Consultation expected in May/June 2012, Member consideration through Development Strategy Task Force/Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel.	Draft Development Strategy (Pre-Submission version) Sustainability Appraisal Report of consultation and other technical/evidence reports	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 05/10/12 to Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Planning and Housing Strategy Email: richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4105

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NON KEY DECISIONS						
25.	Outcome of the Disability Review Children's Services -	A review of the non schools provision for disabled children is on going during September to December 2011. There may be need for structural changes which would form the content of an Executive report.	10 January 2012		Report	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 09/12/11 to Contact Officer: Catherine Parry, Assistant Director (Acting), Children's Services Operations Email: catherine.parry@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6441
26.	Quarter 2 Performance Report -	To receive quarter 2 performance report.	10 January 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 09/12/11 to Contact Officer: Elaine Malarky, Head of Programmes & Performance Management Email: elaine.malarky@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5517

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27.	Delegation of Powers to Provide and Operate the Markets in Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard -	To consider delegating powers for the operation of the markets in Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard to the respective Town Council.	10 January 2012	Consultation will be carried out with the Ward Members for both Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard/Leighton Linslade, Dunstable Town Council and Leighton-Linslade Town Council.	Report Specification for Market Management Letters from the Town Council's	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 15/12/2011 to Contact Officer: Peter Fraser, Head of Partnerships & Community Engagement or Mark Woolsey, Managing Solicitor Email: peter.fraser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6740 or mark.woolsey@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4025
28.	Scrap Metal -	To draw attention to the Private Members Bill before Parliament in January 2012 and to seek member support for changes in legislation relating to Scrap Metal Dealers registration.	10 January 2012		Report	Deputy Executive Members for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 15/12/2011 to Contact Officer: Susan Childrehouse, Head of Public Protection (North) Email: susan.childrehouse@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4394

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29.	Quarter 3 Performance Report -	To receive quarter 3 performance report.	27 March 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 26/02/12 to Contact Officer: Elaine Malarky, Head of Programmes & Performance Management Email: elaine.malarky@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5517
30.	Quarter 4 Performance Report -	To receive quarter 4 performance report.	3 July 2012		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 02/06/12 to Contact Officer: Elaine Malarky, Head of Programmes & Performance Management Email: elaine.malarky@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5517

Postal address for Contact Officers: Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ

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For the Municipal Year 2011/12 the Forward Plan will be published on the fifteenth day of each month or, where the fifteenth day is not a working day, the working day immediately proceeding the fifteenth day, or in February 2012 when the plan will be published on the fourteenth day:

Date of Publication	Period of Plan
15.04.11	1 May 2011 – 30 April 2012
13.05.11	1 June 2011 – 31 May 2012
15.06.11	1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012
15.07.11	1 August 2011 – 31 July 2012
15.08.11	1 September 2011 – 31 August 2012
15.09.11	1 October 2011 – 30 September 2012
14.10.11	1 November 2011 – 31 October 2012
15.11.11	1 December 2011 – 30 November 2012
15.12.11	1 January 2012 – 31 December 2012
13.01.12	1 February 2012 – 31 January 2013
14.02.12	1 March 2012 – 28 February 2013
15.03.12	1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013