

## COUNCIL MEETING – 19 JANUARY 2012

### Recommendations to Council from the Executive meeting held on 10 January 2012

#### E/11/117 **Metal Theft Prevention**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Services that informed Members of the Private Members Bill coming before Parliament in January 2012 and sought Members support for changes in legislation relating to Scrap Metal Dealers registration.

The Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services moved the following additional recommendation, which was duly seconded:-

“recommend to Council that the Local Government Association be asked to develop a national scheme for the licensing of scrap metal dealers to which Central Bedfordshire Council, among others, could subscribe.”

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to introduce a licensing scheme for scrap metal dealers to help reduce the increase in metal thefts being undertaken by giving public bodies increased powers to take action against scrap metal dealers handling any stolen metal.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. to support the contents of the Private Members Metal Theft (Prevention) Bill introduced by Graham Jones MP;**
- 2. to request that the Leader of Central Bedfordshire Council contacts local MP's and ask that they support this bill at it's second reading in the House of Commons on 20 January 2012; and**
- 3. that if national action is not forthcoming on this issue Central Bedfordshire Council should explore the introduction of a local licensing scheme with as many neighbouring authorities as were willing.**

#### **RECOMMENDED**

***to Council that the Local Government Association be asked to develop a national scheme for the licensing of scrap metal dealers to which Central Bedfordshire Council, among others, could subscribe.***

[The report can be found on the Council's web site via the following link:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=577&MId=3720&Ver=4>]