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**Meeting:** Executive  
**Date:** 27 March 2012  
**Subject:** Medium Term Plan (MTP) – Consultation Document  
**Report of:** Cllr James Jamieson, Leader and Cllr Maurice Jones, Deputy Leader and Executive Member, Corporate Resources  
**Summary:** The report proposes an approach to sharing the emerging MTP for consultation with Overview and Scrutiny and partners prior to its adoption by Full Council on 21 June 2012.

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**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Executive  
**Key Decision** No  
**Reason for urgency/  
exemption from call-in  
(if appropriate)** N/A

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

The emerging MTP 2012-2016 sets out the councils developing priorities for the next 4 years. It will therefore impact on the existing priorities which will be refreshed if Full Council agree to adoption of the MTP in June.

### **Financial:**

1. There are currently no financial implications in consulting on the emerging priorities within the MTP. Once adopted by Full Council, the MTP will form the basis for future planning of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

### **Legal:**

2. There are no legal implications in sharing the emerging priorities within the MTP.

### **Risk Management:**

3. There are no specific risks identified in sharing the emerging priorities within the MTP. As the MTP is adopted by Full Council, a full risk assessment will be undertaken and risks incorporated into the Corporate Risk Register.

**Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

4. Not applicable.

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

5. Public authorities have a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

As part of the development of the strategies which underpin the Medium Term Plan, Equality Impact Assessments have been undertaken and a variety of specific objectives designed to promote equality have been approved.

**Public Health**

6. Not applicable.

**Community Safety:**

7. Not applicable.

**Sustainability:**

8. Not applicable.

**Procurement:**

9. Not applicable.

**Overview and Scrutiny:**

10. Once the draft MTP has been agreed for consultation, it will be shared with all Overview and Scrutiny Committees for comment. Comments will be considered and incorporated into the final document which will be presented to Executive in May for agreement to recommend to Full Council in June.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Executive is asked to:**

1. **Consider and agree to the content of the emerging priorities within the MTP being shared for consultation with Overview and Scrutiny and key partners primarily the LSP and the Shadow Health and Well Being Board.**
2. **Agree to approach for consulting on the emerging priorities.**
3. **Agree to the approach for adopting the Medium Term Plan 2012-2016 which will form the basis of the Council promises to its residents for the next 4 years.**

## Executive Summary

11. Following the election of the Leader of the Council in 2011, a review of the council's existing priorities has been undertaken. As a result it was agreed to develop a Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the Council for the next four years setting out priorities which matter most to residents and a delivery plan. A survey with residents was undertaken in Autumn 2011 which formed the basis of the priorities set out in the MTP for further consultation with Overview and Scrutiny and key partners. It will then be amended in light of comments and views and presented to Executive in May to consider whether it should be presented to Full Council with a recommendation that they adopt the MTP in June. If agreed the MTP will be launched to the public, staff and partners in the most appropriate format.

## The Medium Term Plan – Delivering our Priorities

12. The council agreed, in late 2011, to develop a Medium Term Plan to articulate its priorities from 2012-2016 with targets and plans for delivery.
13. A MTP for consultation has been compiled reflecting the needs and views of Central Bedfordshire residents and is attached for consideration and agreement.
14. The draft plan has been developed for a variety of external audiences including partners in both the public and private sectors and Central Bedfordshire residents. Its current format can be adapted so it is presented/available in the most appropriate format for each audience.
15. The following timetable sets out how the MTP will be finalised and presented through Executive for its consideration and agreement to recommending its adoption to Full Council.

Date	Where	Reason
10-17 April	Overview and Scrutiny Committees	For comment
Through April	LSP and Shadow Health and Well Being Board	For comment
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Executive	Final plan including comments for consideration and recommendation to present to Full Council for adoption.
21 June	Full Council	Final MTP presented to Full Council for adoption

## Approach to consultation

16. Following agreement by Executive, each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be invited to comment on the MTP.

17. The MTP will be shared with key partners through the LSP and the Shadow Health and Well Being Board and their views sought.

**Conclusion**

18. Executive to agree the content of the MTP for consultation and the approach to adoption by Full Council.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Delivering our Priorities – Our Plan for Central Bedfordshire 2012-2016  
(To follow)