

**Central Bedfordshire Council
Forward Plan of Key Decisions
1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013**

- 1) During the period from **1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013**, 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 May 2012	3 May 2012
3 July 2012	21 June 2012
21 August 2012	9 August 2012
2 October 2012	20 September 2012
6 November 2012	25 October 2012
4 December 2012	22 November 2012
8 January 2013	20 December 2012
5 February 2013	24 January 2013
19 March 2013	7 March 2013
7 May 2013	25 April 2013
25 June 2013	13 June 2013

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Key Decisions

Date of Publication: 15 March 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.	Determination of Statutory Proposals to Extend the Age Range at certain Lower Schools in Houghton Regis -	Determination of statutory proposals to extend the age range of Hawthorn Park Lower, Thornhill Lower, Tithe Farm Lower and Thomas Whitehead Church of England Lower School in Houghton Regis from 3 - 9 years to 3-11 years.	16 April 2012	From 20 February these proposals were published in each of the 4 schools concerned; appeared within the local press; on display at Houghton Regis Town Council; Houghton Regis Library; and Watling House, Dunstable. The 4 x lower schools have also been directed to provide a copy of their Statutory Notice to all parents/carers and to provide a copy of both their Statutory Notice and their Full Proposal to their Governors. Hard copies have been sent to the local MP; Local Diocese Representatives; Director of Children's Services, Luton Borough Council; School Organisation Unit of the DfE; Head teachers of all CBC schools and academies and CBC Members. Statutory consultation period will be 20 February to 2 April 2012.	Report on the outcome of the statutory consultation and any responses received to the proposals	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 19/03/12 to Contact Officer: Pete Dudley, Assistant Director Children's Services (Learning & Strategic Commissioning) Email: pete.dudley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4203

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2.	Medium Term Plan and Priorities -	To recommend to Council the Medium Term Plan and Priorities.	15 May 2012	To be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Central Bedfordshire Together in April 2012.	Medium Term Plan and Priorities	Chairman of the Executive and Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 18/04/12 to Contact Officer: Alan Fleming, Project Director Email: alan.fleming@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6968
3.	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 and Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 14/04/12 to Contact Officer: Peter Burt, MRICS, Head of Property Assets Andy Lewis, Major Projects Officer Email: peter.burt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5281 or andy.lewis@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5526

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4.	Minerals and Waste Core Strategy -	To agree the recommended changes to the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy before submission to the Secretary of State.	15 May 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Parish and Town Councils were notified by letter or email. 2. Individuals who had expressed an interest from previous consultations were notified by email or by letter. 3. Adjacent Parish, Town, District and County Councils were notified by email or by letter. 	Report of the results of consultation on soundness of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (Plan for Submission) Appendix summarising representations received, and recommended changes to the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 14/04/12 to Contact Officer: Lester Hannington, Principal Minerals and Waste Planning Officer Email: lester.hannington@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6219
5.	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.	3 July 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 02/06/12 to Contact Officer: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways & Transport Email: basil.jackson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6171

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6.	Development Brief for Site Allocations Policy MA5 - Land East of Biggleswade Road, Potton -	To adopt the Development Brief for Site Allocations Policy MA5 - land east of Biggleswade Road, Potton as technical guidance for development management purposes.	3 July 2012	<p>November 2011 – A Stakeholder Group comprising ward Members, Town Councillors, residents, local interest groups and developers has been established whose purpose is to inform the emerging Development Brief. In accordance with the signed Planning Performance Agreement, consultation will take place:-</p> <p>April 2012 – The Development Brief will require sign off by Director/Portfolio Holder in order to commence consultation. Members will also be notified.</p> <p>April/May 2012 – A four week public consultation exercise will be carried out that will include a public exhibition.</p> <p>June 2012 – A presentation on the Development Brief (together with consultation responses) will be given to the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee seeking Members to endorse it before the Executive take a decision.</p>	Development Brief and Statement of Community Involvement	<p>Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 02/06/12 to Contact Officer: Mark Saccoccio, Local Planning and Housing Team Leader Email: mark.saccoccio@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5510</p>

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7.	Capital Investment for the Customer First Programme -	To approve the Capital Investment for the 'Construct and Implementation' phase of the Customer First Programme	3 July 2012		Full Business Case for the Channel Shift Programme	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 02/06/12 to Contact Officer: Trisha Chapman, Programme Manager Email: trisha.chapman@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4657
8.	Stotfold Heritage -	To facilitate the creation of a new community and heritage attraction in Stotfold.	3 July 2012	A twelve week public consultation is proposed to gather the community response to this private investment proposal and invite alternative usage to be expressed.	Report Investors prospectus	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 02/06/12 to Contact Officer: Liz Wade, Assistant Director Economic Growth and Regeneration Email: liz.wade@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6288
9.	Revenue and Capital Provisional Outturn 2011/12 -	To consider the revenue and capital provisional outturn for 2011/12.	3 July 2012		Reports	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 02/06/12 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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10.	Announced Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services -	To consider the response to the Ofsted Inspection which took place between 20 February and 3 March 2012 and the improvement strategy.	21 August 2012	Key strategic partners and agencies involved in developing the action plan between 23 April and 25 May 2012.	Ofsted inspection report published 10 April 2012	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 20/07/12 to Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Health & Special Projects Co-ordinator Email: sylvia.gibson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5522
11.	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.	21 August 2012		Report	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 20/07/12 to Contact Officer: Hamid Khan, Head of Housing Needs Email: hamid.khan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5369
12.	Revenue and Capital Quarter 1 Budget Monitor Reports -	To consider the quarter 1 revenue and capital budget monitor reports.	21 August 2012		Reports	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 20/07/12 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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13.	Future of Crescent Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Toddington -	To consider the results of the feasibility studies and consider a recommended way forward in relation to the development and the funding arrangements.	21 August 2012		Report	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 20/07/12 to Contact Officer: Sue Marsh, Housing Services Manager Email: sue.marsh@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5662
14.	Determination of Statutory Proposals to Expand Shefford Lower, Fairfield Lower and the Leighton Buzzard Lower School -	Determination of statutory proposals to expand Shefford Lower, Fairfield Lower and the Leighton Buzzard Lower School as recommended to the Council's Executive on 27 March 2012 as the provider of lower school places on the new site known as Pratts Quarry.	21 August 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local MP • Local Diocese Representatives • The Director of Children's Services, Luton Borough Council • The School Organisation Unit of the DfE • The Head teachers of all CBC schools and academies – via our publication 'Central Essentials' • All CBC ward members – via the CBC Members Information Bulletin <p>Statutory consultation period will be 11 June to 9 July.</p>	Report on the outcome of the statutory consultation on the proposals as originally reported to the Executive on 27 March 2012	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 20/07/12 to Contact Officer: Pete Dudley, Assistant Director Children's Services (Learning & Strategic Commissioning) Email: pete.dudley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4203

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15.	Statement of Community Involvement -	To adopt the Statement of Community Involvement.	2 October 2012	Statutory consultation carried out in May/June 2012. Member consideration through the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Statement of Community Involvement Report of Consultation Responses	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 01/09/12 to Contact Officer: Richard Fox, Head of Development Planning and Housing Strategy Email: richard.fox@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4105
16.	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 the 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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17.	Outdoor Access Improvement Plan -	To endorse the Outdoor Access Improvement Plan.	6 November 2012	The Central Bedfordshire and Luton Local Access Forum has established a sub group input into the development of the plan this will be followed by a full 13 week public consultation with both stakeholder and public engagement activities during period.	Report	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 05/10/12 to Contact Officer: Paul Cook, Head of Transport Strategy and Countryside Access Email: paul.cook@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6999
18.	Revenue and Capital Quarter 2 Budget Monitor Reports -	To consider the revenue and capital quarter 2 budget monitor reports.	4 December 2012		Reports	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 03/11/12 to Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147
19.	Community Safety Partnership Plan and Priorities 2013 - 2014 -	To recommend to Council to approve the Community Safety Partnership Plan and Priorities 2013 - 2014	8 January 2013	Strategic Assessment & Partnership Plan will be considered by the Community Safety Partnership Executive, the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Local Strategic Partnership.	Strategic Assessment Priorities & Community Safety Partnership Plan 2013-2014	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 07/12/12 to Contact Officer: Joy Craven, CSP Manager Email: joy.craven@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4649

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20.	Revenue and Capital Quarter 3 Budget Monitor Reports -	To consider the revenue and capital quarter 3 budget monitor reports.	19 March 2013		Reports	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 18/02/13 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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21.	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
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Central Bedfordshire Council Forward Plan of Decisions on Key Issues

For the Municipal Year 2012/13 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 preceding the fifteenth day, or in February 2013 when the plan will be published on the fourteenth day:

Date of Publication	Period of Plan
13.04.12	1 May 2012 – 30 April 2013
15.05.12	1 June 2012 – 31 May 2013
15.06.12	1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013
13.07.12	1 August 2012 – 31 July 2013
15.08.12	1 September 2012 – 31 August 2013
14.09.12	1 October 2012 – 30 September 2013
15.10.12	1 November 2012 – 31 October 2013
15.11.12	1 December 2012 – 30 November 2013
14.12.12	1 January 2013 – 31 December 2013
15.01.13	1 February 2013 – 31 January 2014
14.02.13	1 March 2013 – 28 February 2014
15.03.13	1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014