

## Central Bedfordshire Council Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014

- 1) During the period from **1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014**, 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 Nigel Young	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) Whilst the majority of the Executive's business at the meetings listed in this Forward Plan will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, there will inevitably be some business to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information.

This is a formal notice under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 that part of the Executive meeting listed in this Forward Plan will be held in private because the agenda and reports for the meeting will contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

- Those items identified for decision more than one month in advance may change in forthcoming Plans. Each new Plan supersedes the 4) 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 guestions about the Plan such as specific dates, should be addressed to the Committee Services Manager, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ.
- The agendas for meetings of the Executive will be published as follows: 5)

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

# **Central Bedfordshire Council**

#### Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014

#### **Key Decisions**

Date of Publication: 28 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.	Commissioning Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire -	To adopt the approach being taken to commissioning Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire.	5 February 2013	LINk Workshop – June 2011 Community Stakeholders Conference – September 2011 Healthwatch Steering Group (LINk, CBC, NHS) Workshop – March 2012 Monthly updates to LINk Board and to public via LINk Bulletin since June 2012 Voluntary and Community Sector Provider Workshop - August 2012 Monthly 'Pathfinder' meetings of voluntary and community organsiations and LINk since September 2012.	Report	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: James Robinson-Morley, Lead Commissioner (Carers & Service User Engagement) Email: james.robinson- morley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6681

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2.	A1 South Biggleswade Roundabout -	To consider the proposed development of an enlarged roundabout on the A1 at the South Biggleswade junction.	5 February 2013		Exempt Report - Exempt Paragraph 3	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 04/01/2013 to Contact Officer: Peter Burt, MRICS, Head of Property Assets Email: peter.burt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5257
3.	Abolition of the Discretionary Social Fund and Transfer of Funding to Central Bedfordshire Council for a New Provision -	To approve the proposal for The local Welfare Provision Scheme.	5 February 2013		Report and Appendices	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Hamid Khan, Head of Housing Needs Email: hamid.khan@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 5369

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4.	Contract for Refurbishment of Timberlands Gypsy and Travellers Site -	To award the contract to the preferred contractor for the refurbishment of Timberlands Gypsy and Travellers Site, Pepperstock, Slip End.	5 February 2013		Report Exempt Appendices - Exempt Paragraph 3	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: John Holman, Head of Housing Asset Management Email: john.holman@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 5069 or ian.johnson@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 5202, Ian Johnson, Housing Asset Manager
5.	Local Lettings Policy to Rural Exception Sites in Central Bedfordshire -	To adopt the Local Lettings Policy for Rural Exception Sites for Central Bedfordshire Council.	5 February 2013	A wide ranging public and stakeholder consultation has taken place between February 2012 and May 2012. Method via questionnaires and consultation workshop in April 2012. Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be consulted on 17 December 2012.	Report	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Hamid Khan, Head of Housing Needs Email: hamid.khan@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 5369

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6.	Implementation of the Refreshed School Organisation Plan: New School Places Programme 2013/14 - 2017/18 -	To consider the implementation of the refreshed School Organisation Plan: New School Places programme 2013/14 to 2017/18.	5 February 2013		Report	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Pete Dudley, Assistant Director Children's Services (Learning & Strategic Commissioning) Email: pete.dudley@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 4203
7.	Council's Admissions Arrangements for the Academic Year 2014/15 -	To determine the Council's Admissions Arrangements for the Academic Year 2014/15.	5 February 2013		Report	Deputy Executive Members for Children's Services Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Pete Dudley, Assistant Director Children's Services (Learning & Strategic Commissioning) Email: pete.dudley@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 4203

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8.	Land Rear of Central Garage, Cranfield Development Brief -	To endorse the Land Rear of Central Garage, Cranfield Development Brief for Development Management purposes.	5 February 2013	Members and Officers briefed from August 2012. Members and Officers briefed on 4 September 2012 at West Placemaking. Public exhibition on 13 November 2012. Public consultation between 13 November and 13 December 2012.	Land Rear of Central Garage, Cranfield Development Brief Site Allocations Development Plan Document (Adopted 2011)	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Stuart Robinson, Planning Officer (Project Support/Admin) Email: stuart.robinson@centralbedfordshire.g ov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4236
9.	Council to Build New Council Housing -	To approve proposals to develop affordable Extra Care Housing in Dunstable.	5 February 2013	Representatives of the Council's Sheltered Tenants Action Group (STAG) have met jointly with members of the Older Persons Reference Group to inform the development of proposals for Dunstable. In addition, STAG and also Way Forward group will be consulted in January 2013. The Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee will cosnider the proposals on 21 January 2013.	Report and appendices	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Tony Keaveney, Assistant Director Housing Services Email: tony.keaveney@centralbedfordshire.go v.uk Tel: 0300 300 5213

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10.	Options for Resolving Current Delays in Academy Conversions caused by Disputed Liabilities for Pension Payments -	To receive a report on the options for resolving current delays in Academy Conversions caused by Disputed Liabilities for Pension Payments.	5 February 2013		Report - Exempt under Paragraph 1	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Pete Dudley, Assistant Director Children's Services (Learning & Strategic Commissioning) Email: pete.dudley@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 4203
11.	Legal and Planning Consultancy Frameworks -	To receive a report on the Legal and Planning Consultancy Frameworks.	5 February 2013		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Peter Burt, MRICS, Head of Property Assets Email: peter.burt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5281

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12.	Approval of Expenditure for the Procurement of a Corporate Call-off Contract for the Provision of Legal Consultancy Services -	In line with corporate procurement procedures, the Executive Committee is required to approve contract values exceeding £500k. Intended decision: Approval of expenditure for the procurement of a corporate call-off contract for the provision of legal consultancy services.	5 February 2013	Alan Fleming – Director Business Services Peter Burt – Head of Property Assets Terry Gittins – Procurement Process & Policy Manager		Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Alan Fleming, Service Director - Business Services email: alan.fleming@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 6968
13.	Astral Park Football Project -	To approve expenditure for playing pitches, changing facilities and car parking at Astral Park, Leighton Buzzard. The project is led by Leighton Linslade Town Council, with project management advice and support provided by Leisure Services. The scheme is funded entirely by Section 106 funds of £1.1m.	19 March 2013	Consultation carried out with Leighton Linslade Town Council.	Report	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 18/02/13 to Contact Officer: Jill Dickinson, Head of Leisure Services Email: jill.dickinson@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 4258

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14.	Outdoor Access Improvement Plan -	To endorse the Outdoor Access Improvement Plan.	19 March 2013	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 18/02/13 to Contact Officer: Paul Cook, Head of Transport Strategy and Countryside Access Email: paul.cook@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6999
15.	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 Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147

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16.	Draft Gypsy and Traveller Plan -	To recommend to Council the draft Gypsy and Traveller Plan for approval prior to submission.	19 March 2013	In line with Regulation 18 of the new Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012, consultation will have been undertaken in autumn 2012 on what a Gypsy and Traveller plan ought to contain. This report follows that consultation and will propose the preferred sites and policies for Gypsy and Traveller provision.	Report and draft Plan	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 06/04/13 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.	East Leighton Linslade Framework Plan -	To consider the east Leighton Linslade Framework Plan for the delivery of up to 2,500 dwellings and 16 hectares of employment land together with its supporting infrastructure.	19 March 2013	September 2012 – Placemaking meeting to take place at which the Landowners are to offer a presentation on the Draft Framework Plan. October 2012 – Executive Member and Director of Sustainable Communities to sign off the Draft Framework Plan for the purposes of public consultation. October 2012 – A 7 week public consultation to begin that will include a 2 day public exhibition event. Consultation with residents, councillors and statutory consultees. Consultation will be conducted using letters, emails, the Council's consultation services, including Central Bedfordshire Council updates and the Member's bulletin. February 2013 – A presentation on the Framework Plan (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.	Framework Plan and the Framework Plan supplementary written document	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 18/02/13 to Contact Officer: Mark Saccoccio, Local Planning and Housing Team Leader Email: mark.saccoccio@centralbedfordshire.g ov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5510

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18.	Local Area Transport Plans -	To endorse the third round of Local Area Transport Plans (LATP) (covering Potton, Chiltern, Haynes and Old Warden) and which form part of the Local Transport Plan adopted in April 2011, together with endorsement of updates to the Arlesey and Stotfold and Biggleswade and Sandy LATPs that formed part of the first round of plans.	19 March 2013	Public consultation between 1 August 2012 – 23 November 2012.	Report	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 18/02/13 to Contact Officer: Ben King, Principal Transport Planner - Transport Strategy Team Email: ben.king@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4824
19.	Draft Supplementary Planning Document : Wind Turbine Development in Central Bedfordshire -	To adopt the guidance for development management purposes.	19 March 2013	Public consultation due to take place in January 2013.	Report	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Comments by 18/02/13 to Contact Officer: Sue Frost, Senior Planning Officer Email: sue.frost@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 4952

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20.	Tenancy Strategy 2013 - 2018 -	To adopt a Tenancy Strategy for Central Bedfordshire	19 March 2013	A wide ranging public and stakeholder consultation is taking place between November 2012 and February 2013. Method is questionnaires and consultation workshops, including a Member seminar held in August 2012. Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be consulted on 4 March 2013.	Draft Tenancy Strategy 2013 - 2018	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 01/02/2013 Tony Keaveney, Assistant Director Housing Services Email: tony.keaveney@centralbedfordshire.go v.uk Tel: 0300 300 5213
21.	Commissioning of New School Places -	To receive a report on the commissioning of new school places.	19 March 2013		Report	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 18/02/2013 to Contact Officer: Rob Parsons, Head of School Organisation and Capital Planning Email: rob.parsons@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 5572

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22.	Community Infrastructure Levy -	To approve the consultation and subsequent Submission of the Community Infrastructure Levy draft charging schedule.	14 May 2013		Report	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 13/04/13 to Contact Officer: Jonathan Baldwin, Senior Planning Officer Email: jonathan.baldwin@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 5510
23.	Central Heating Installations Contract District Wide -	To award the contract to the preferred contractor for the central heating installations contract district wide for 2013 to 2016 to council housing properties.	14 May 2013		Report	Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 13/04/13 to Contact Officer: Basil Quinn, Housing Asset Manager Performance Email: peter.joslin@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 5395 or basil.quinn@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 5118, Peter Joslin, Housing Asset Manager

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24.	Central Bedfordshire Council's Equality Strategy -	To approve the Council's Equality Strategy which sets out the Council's vision and approach to ensuring all sections of the community get high quality services appropriate to their needs and also sets out how the Council will meet its legal responsibilities to ensure consideration of equality is integrated in to its service planning, delivery and human resource systems.	14 May 2013	Public Consultation, Equality Forum and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Draft Equality Strategy 2013-16	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 13/04/13 to Contact Officer: Clare Harding, Corporate Policy Advisor (Equality & Diversity) Email: clare.harding@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 6109
25.	Arrangements for Fostering and Adoption with Bedford Borough Council -	To agree the future arrangements between Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedford Borough Council for the delivery of the Fostering and Adoption Services. Possible contract negotiations will be ongoing between the two Councils during spring 2013.	25 June 2013		Report	Executive Member for Children's Services Comments by 24/05/13 to Contact Officer: Fiona Mackirdy, Interim Head of Adoption and Fostering Email: fiona.mackirdy@centralbedfordshire.go v.uk Tel: 0300 300 6752

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26.	Revenue and Capital Provisional Outturn 2012/13 -	To consider the revenue and capital provisional outturn 2012/13.	25 June 2013		Reports	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 24/05/13 to Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147
27.	Leisure Strategy -	To adopt Leisure Strategy: Chapter 2, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Chapter 3, Playing Pitch Strategy as supplementary planning documents, subject to minor amendments. To adopt Chapter 4 Physical Activity Strategy and Overarching Leisure Strategy.			Chapter 2, Recreation and Open Space Strategy Chapter 3, Playing Pitch Strategy Chapter 4, Physical Activity Strategy Overarching Leisure Strategy	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services Jill Dickinson, Head of Leisure Services Email: jill.dickinson@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 4258

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28.	Central Bedfordshire's Flood and Water Management Act 2010 Duties -	To approve a local flood risk strategy for Central Bedfordshire and to create a Sustainable Urban Drainage Advisory Board.	3 September 2013	CBC is required under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. The draft strategy will be subject to public consultation. Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider the draft strategy and the public consultation response to the strategy in August/September 2013. Following Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmation of the mandatory sustainable drainage application processes, CBC will also be required to establish a SUDS Approval Board to evaluate, approve and adopt suitable SUDS measures for all new developments.	Summary of Flood and Water Management Act Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services lain Finnigan, Senior Engineer - Policy and Flood Risk Management Email: iain.finnigan@centralbedfordshire.gov. uk Tel: 0300 300 4351

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29.	Housing Revenue Account 2013/14 -	To recommend to Council the Housing Revenue Account budget 2013/14 for approval.	5 February 2013		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources, Director of Social Care, Health and Housing Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Chief Finance Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147 or tony.keaveney@centralbedfordshire.go v.uk Tel: 0300 300 5210, Tony Keaveney, Assistant Director Housing Services
30.	Budget 2013/14 and Medium Term Financial Plan -	To recommend to Council the proposed budget for 2013/14: • Revenue budget • Capital budget • Fees and Charges	5 February 2013	Draft budget proposals have been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committees.	Reports - the Capital Programme Report may contain exempt information under paragraph 3	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 04/01/13 to Contact Officer: Chief Finance Officer Email: charles.warboys@centralbedfordshire. gov.uk Tel: 0300 300 6147

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31.	Quarter 3 Performance Report -	To consider quarter 3 performance report.	19 March 2013		Report	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources Comments by 18/02/13 to Contact Officer: Elaine Malarky, Head of Programmes & Performance Management Email: elaine.malarky@centralbedfordshire.go v.uk Tel: 0300 300 5517
32.	Minerals and Waste Core Strategy -	To recommend to Council the adoption of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.	7 May 2013	A wide range of stakeholders were involved in consultations undertaken from 2006 to 2012, using methods which include an internet portal, deposit of hard copies at points of presence, and displaying the Core Strategy on the Council website. Consultees included the Parish Councils, statutory bodies, special interest groups, minerals industry, waste management industry, and individuals who had expressed an interest at previous consultations.	Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and the Inspector's report following the Examination in public.	Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Strategic Planning and Economic Development Comments by 06/04/12 to Contact Officer: Roy Romans, Minerals and Waste Team Leader Email: roy.romans@centralbedfordshire.gov.u k Tel: 0300 300 6039

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

## Central Bedfordshire Council Forward Plan of Decisions on Key Issues

For the Municipal Year 2012/13 the Forward Plan will be published on the thirtieth day of each month or, where the thirtieth day is not a working day, the working day immediately proceeding the thirtieth day, or in February 2013 when the plan will be published on the twenty-eighth 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
05.10.12	1 November 2012 – 31 October 2013
30.10.12	1 December 2012 – 30 November 2013
30.11.12	1 January 2013 – 31 December 2013
28.12.12	1 February 2013 – 31 January 2014
30.01.13	1 March 2013 – 28 February 2014
28.02.13	1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014