

## **Shadow Scrutiny Committee and Corporate Resources Transition Task Force – Comments on Draft Central Bedfordshire Capital Programme**

### **1. Shadow Scrutiny Committee meeting 22 January 2009**

- (a) The following issues, comments, and questions were raised at the meeting:
- It was noted that the Stotfold Leisure Centre project had been included in the Programme for 2010/11, based on a realistic assessment of when this project might be in a position to proceed. In answer to a question, it was reported that inclusion in the programme in this year did not preclude the project from being progressed in 2009/10 if circumstances allowed;
  - A question was raised as to what schemes in the draft Programme were targeted at promoting economic activity and employment, given the current economic climate. In response, it was noted that there was a Category 3 item of £1 million in the draft programme for Job Growth Investment Schemes, and that more information on this item would be circulated to the Committee.
  - In response to a question regarding regeneration of Houghton Regis Town Centre, it was noted that although there was a small second tier Category 6 item in respect of this, there was also an existing Category 1 scheme in respect of Bedford Square, Houghton Regis that would entail investment of £1.1 million in 2009/10.

### **2. Corporate Resources Transition Task Force**

- (a) A few comments were received on the process of formulating the draft programme and categorising schemes at this stage. In addition, a comment was received welcoming the expenditure on insulation in council houses, and encouraging further insulation and energy efficiency in non-housing Council properties.