

<b>SHADOW COUNCIL</b>
<b>26 FEBRUARY 2009</b>

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CONSTITUTION AND INTERIM GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS</b>  (To approve and adopt the Constitution of Central Bedfordshire Council together with the interim governance arrangements during the period 1 April to 7 June 2009.)
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>Constitution and Governance Working Group</b>
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### IMPLICATIONS

<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	None arising directly from consideration of this report.
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	The implications relating to the new Scheme of Members' Allowances were dealt with earlier on this agenda.
<b>LEGAL</b>	Local Government Act 2000 and supporting guidance, Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill.
<b>PERSONNEL/EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>	None
<b>COMMUNITY DEV/SAFETY</b>	Account has been taken of the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill.
<b>TRADES UNION</b>	None
<b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	No proposals are believed to conflict with the Human Rights Act.

<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO REPORT</b>
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<b>RECOMMENDATION(S):</b>
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<p>The recommendations are set out at Document 2 of the report of the Constitution and Governance Working Group (enclosed separately).</p>
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## **Background**

1. The recommendations made by the Constitution and Governance Working Group in relation to the adoption of the Constitution are set out in the report of the working group, which together with supporting documents including a full copy of the draft Constitution and the draft Ethical Handbook has been circulated separately to all Members of the Shadow Council with this agenda.
2. Members are asked to note that the draft Constitution and Ethical Handbook have yet to be fully formatted in the corporate housestyle / branding. The document will also be subject to further proofreading prior to publication.

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**Background Papers:** Local Government Act 2000 and supporting guidance, Local Government and Public Involvement Health Act 2007 and the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill

**Location of Papers:** Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

**File Reference:** N/A