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20 August 2015

To: Town Mayor and all Members of the Partnership Committee

Town Councillors: A Brandham, S Cotter – Vice Chair, F Kharawala, T Morris and C Palmer

Central Bedfordshire Councillors: D Bowater, G Perham, B Walker, G Tubb and B Spurr - Chair

S Hughes – Central Bedfordshire Council

All business groups

Rev. P Niemiec (Community Forum spokesperson)

(Copies to other Town Councillors for information)

## NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Partnership Committee** to be held on **Thursday 3 September 2015** commencing at **1930 hours** in the Council Chamber, The White House, Hockliffe Street.



M Saccoccio  
Town Clerk

## AGENDA

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the Members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the Member's Register of Interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.
- (ii) Should any Member have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in an item on the agenda, the Member may not participate in consideration of that item unless a Dispensation has first been requested (in writing) and granted by the Council (see Dispensation Procedure).

**3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 minutes per person; maximum 15 minutes)**

To receive questions and statements from members of the public in respect of any item of business included in the agenda, as provided for in Standing Order No.s 1(f) and 1(h).

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

(a) To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Partnership Committee meetings held on 18 June 2015 and on 14 July 2015 (**attached**).

(b) To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 January 2015 (**attached**).

**5. CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE**

To receive and note an update report from Central Bedfordshire Council (**to follow**).

**6. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND WORK PLAN**

To receive and consider the Committee objectives and work plan for 2015-2016 (**attached**).

**7. BUSINESS GROUPS UPDATE**

To receive a verbal update from local business groups.

**8. COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE**

To receive a verbal update from Rev P Niemiec, Chair of the Community Forum Steering Group.

**9. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE (BIODIVERSITY)**

To receive a report regarding community engagement projects including the Regent Street/Miles Avenue community garden, and to consider the recommendations contained therein (**attached**).

**10. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

To consider a recommendation from the Events Sub-Committee in respect of a three year plan for the Christmas Festival (information **attached**).

**11. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

To receive a quarterly budget monitoring report for the period 1 April – 30 June 2015  
**(to follow).**