



29 January 2016

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 Steering Group)

(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 11 February 2016** commencing at **1930 hours** in the Council Chamber, The White House, Hockliffe Street.

M Saccoccio

Town Clerk

**THIS MEETING MAY
BE RECORDED***

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 MEETING

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 17 December 2015 (**attached**).

5. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND WORK PLAN

To receive the Committee objectives and work plan for 2015-2016 (**attached**) and consider the proposed amendments arising from the Central Bedfordshire Council five year plan.

6. CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE UPDATE REPORT

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

7. BUSINESS GROUPS UPDATE

To receive a verbal update from local business groups.

8. COMMUNITY FORUM

To receive a report from the Community Forum Steering Group regarding the Youth Forum event held on 21 October 2015 and to consider the recommendations contained therein (**to follow**).

9. BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

To receive a report regarding the Business Networking Event (**to follow**) and to consider the recommendations contained therein.

10. PURPLE FLAG

To receive a report regarding the town centre Purple Flag award (**attached**) and to consider the recommendations contained therein.

11. MARKET TOWNS REGENERATION FUND

To receive an update in relation to the Central Bedfordshire Market Towns Regeneration Fund (see **attached** extract of draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25 January 2016).

12. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

To receive a budget monitoring report and consider any recommendations contained therein **(to follow)**.

13. BIG PLAN II

To receive a report **(attached)** and note the resolutions made by the Town Council on 25 January 2016 in respect of Big Plan II.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee may consider it appropriate to consider the following resolution should they consider that any discussion would be prejudicial to the public interests: **that, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. The public and press to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of detailed discussion regarding: town centre environment.**

**Committee Members receive all documentation.
Background papers available to all Councillors upon request.**

**Phones and other equipment may be used to film, audio record, tweet or blog from this meeting by an individual Council member, officer or member of the public. No part of the meeting room is exempt from public filming unless the meeting resolves to go into exempt session. The use of images or recordings arising from this is not within the Council's control.*