


# Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs P N Aldis, J Ali, P Blaine, T Cole, A M Hill, W Jackson, T Knagg, G Leach, C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Scott, D Sharman, P Sharman, J Sparrow and S Sutton

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 16 January 2017 commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the items of business below



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Town Clerk  
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10 January 2017

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING**

## **A G E N D A**

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence

### **2 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations**

*Under the Localism Act 2011 members of Council are not required to make oral declarations of interest at meetings but may not participate in discussion or voting on any items of business in which they have a Declarable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and under Sandy Town Council's Standing Orders must leave the room for the duration of all discussion on such items. (All members' register of interests are available on the Sandy Town Council website or on application to the Clerk.)*

*This item is included on the agenda to enable members to declare new DPIs and also **those who wish to do so** may draw attention to their stated DPIs and also any non-declarable personal interests which they have declared under Sandy Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct and which may be relevant to items on the agenda.*

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests*
- ii) Non Pecuniary Interests*
- iii) Dispensations*

### **3 Public Participation Session**

To receive questions and representations from members of the public.

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## 4 Minutes of previous Town Council meetings

To consider the Minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 28 November 2016 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

## 5 Minutes of committees and recommendations therein

To receive and note the minutes of the meetings of the following committees and sub-committees and (if applicable) to approve recommendations therein which do not arise elsewhere.

- i) Development Scrutiny Committees held on 12 December 2016 and 9 January 2017.
- ii) Human Resources Committee held on 12 December 2016.

**RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** that an additional 12 staff hours are budgeted for in the 2017/18 financial year with the view to increase staff administration hours by an additional 12 hours per week.

- iii) Community Services and Environment Committee held on 19 December 2016.
- iv) Policy, Finance and Resource Committee held on 9 January 2017.

**RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** that the Council budgets £2,000 for the Events Budget in 2017/18 and that the budget line run for two years before being fully reviewed and reassessed.

*It was **Resolved to Recommend that the 2017/18 budget as proposed is agreed and taken to Full Council for approval with a Precept increase of 3.72% (£4.88 per year) for the next financial year.** This Recommendation will be discussed and voted on under item 13.*

## 6 Financial Matters

- i) To note a summary statement of income and expenditure against budget for the year to date (previously circulated and scrutinised at a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee on 9 January 2017).
- ii) To note a list of payments made since the last Town Council meeting (previously circulated and scrutinised at a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee on 9 January 2017).

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- 7 Reports from Central Bedfordshire Councillors**  
To receive reports from Sandy's Central Bedfordshire Councillors. Members have received a copy of CBC Councils notes for Town and Parish Councillors in advance of the meeting.
- 8 Action List**  
To receive any updates and note the Action List. Appendix I
- 9 Calendar of Meetings**  
To approve the re-scheduling of two meetings in the 2017/18 calendar of meetings. Appendix II
- 10 Replacement Computer Server**  
To receive a report from the Administration Team Leader on a replacement computer server. Appendix III
- 11 Scale of Charges**  
To review and approve the Scale of Charges for 2017/18. Appendix IV
- 12 Central Bedfordshire Council Budget Consultation**  
To receive and discuss the Central Bedfordshire Council budget consultation for the financial year 2017/18. Appendix V
- 13 2017/18 Budget and Precept**  
To approve the 2017/18 budget and agree the precept for the coming year. Appendix VI
- 14 Crime Statistics December 2016**  
To receive crime statistics from Central Bedfordshire Council for December 2016 and consider how the Council would like these reported in the future. Appendix VII
- 15 Central Bedfordshire Local Plan**  
To receive an update communication from Central Bedfordshire Council on the progress of the Local Plan. Appendix VIII
- 16 Reports from representatives on outside bodies**  
To receive reports from Council representatives on outside bodies/organisations.
- 17 Representatives to Local Conferences/Seminars**  
Members are asked to consider sending representatives to the following conferences/Seminars/Meetings;
- i) Town and Parish meeting with Alistair Burt MP - Saturday 4th February 2017, 10.00am-12noon, Great Barford Village Hall.

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- ii) CBC 'Emergency Planning' Conference - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, 6.00-9.00pm at Priory House, Chicksands.  
(Two Representatives)

**18 News Releases**

**19 Chairman's Items**

**20 Date of Next Meeting: 27 February 2017**

## AGENDA ITEM 8

## APPENDIX I

### Town Council - Action list

Subject	Action to be taken		Response/ Agenda no.
	Minute	Action	
<b>Meeting 9/11/15</b>			
Bedford Road Recreation Ground – Outdoor Gym Equipment	(86-15/16)	Completion of Sport England park user's survey to support grant application. This is external to the Council.	On going
Surgery relocation to Shannon Court	(87-15/16)	Council agreed changes to the car park layout in principle. Town Clerk to continue to work with Dr Graffy to identify potential funding.	On going. Dr Graffy informed Clerk that he is still in negotiations with the NHS. Move still expected.
East West Rail Link	(89-15/16)	Town Council strongly support the East West rail link coming through Sandy and to lobby the relevant authorities.	No further information available. Letter received from A Burt, M.P circulated.  Awaiting further information on Sandy Corridor.
<b>Meeting 7/3/16</b>			
Road Investment Strategy A1	(130-2015-16)	To respond to Cllr M Russell and write to the local Member for Parliament and the Under Secretary for Department of Transport outlining the points made.	No further information. A report from the last A1 Investment Strategy Stakeholder meeting (July '16) was previously circulated to Members, including a letter from A Burt, M.P.

**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL  
CALENDAR OF MEETINGS  
2017-2018**

**Summary**

Members are asked to approve re-scheduling the Full Town Council meeting of the 3 July 2017 to a week earlier on the 26 June 2017. This will involve re-scheduling the Human Resources meeting of the 26 June to facilitate this.

The purpose of the re-schedule is to ensure that Full Council has met to approve the Annual Accounts before the end of June 2017.

**Calendar of Meetings**

<b>2017</b>	
Mon 22.05.17	Town Council (Annual Meeting) (1)
Mon 29.05.17	Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 05.06.17	Development Scrutiny      Community Services & Environment (1)
Mon 12.06.17	
Mon 19.06.17	Policy, Finance & Resources (1)
Mon 26.06.17	Development Scrutiny      Human Resources (Move to 3.7.17)
Mon 03.07.17	Town Council (2) (Move to 26.06.17)
Mon 10.07.17	
Mon 17.07.17	Development Scrutiny      Community Services & Environment (2)
Mon 24.07.17	
Mon 31.07.17	Policy, Finance & Resources (2)
Mon 07.08.17	
Mon 14.08.17	Development Scrutiny      Town Council (3)
Mon 21.08.17	
Mon 28.08.17	Summer Bank Holiday
Mon 04.09.17	Development Scrutiny      Community Services & Environment (3)
Mon 11.09.17	Policy, Finance & Resources (3)
Mon 18.09.17	Human Resources
Mon 25.09.17	Development Scrutiny      Town Council (4)
Mon 02.10.17	
Mon 09.10.17	
Mon 16.10.17	Development Scrutiny      Community Services & Environment (4)
Mon 23.10.17	Policy, Finance & Resources (4) Budget Code consideration
Mon 30.10.17	
Mon 06.11.17	Development Scrutiny      Town Council (5)
Mon 13.11.17	Budget Workshop

Mon 20.11.17	Community Services & Environment (5)	
Mon 27.11.17	Development Scrutiny	Policy, Finance & Resources (5) Budget/Precept Report
Mon 04.12.17		
Mon 11.12.17	Human Resources	
Mon 18.12.17	Development Scrutiny	Town Council (6)
Mon 25.12.17	Christmas Day	
<b>2018</b>		
Mon 01.01.18	New Year's Day	
Mon 08.01.18	Development Scrutiny	Community Services & Environment (6)
Mon 15.01.18	Policy, Finance & Resources (6) Budget/precept Report Amendments	
Mon 22.01.18		
Mon 29.01.18	Development Scrutiny	Town Council (7) Budget/Precept Agreement
Mon 05.02.18		
Mon 12.02.18		
Mon 19.02.18	Development Scrutiny	Community Services & Environment (7)
Mon 26.02.18	Policy, Finance & Resources (7)	
Mon 05.03.18		
Mon 12.03.18	Development Scrutiny	Town Council (8)
Mon 19.03.18	Human Resources	
Mon 26.03.18	Community, Services & Environment (8)	
Mon 02.04.18	Easter Monday	
Mon 09.04.18	Development Scrutiny	Policy, Finance & Resources (8)
Mon 16.04.18		
Mon 23.04.18	Town Council (9)	
Mon 30.04.18	Development Scrutiny	Community Services & Environment (9)
Mon 07.05.18	May Day Holiday	
Mon 14.05.18	Annual Town Meeting	
Mon 21.05.18	Development Scrutiny	Town Council Annual Meeting
Mon 28.05.18	Spring Bank Holiday	

**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Date:** 16 January 2017  
**Author:** Carol Baker-Smith  
**Subject:** Replacement Server

**Summary**

Members are asked to approve the urgent purchase of a new computer server for the Council. The current server is 15 years old and the operating system is now obsolete.

**Background Information**

The administration team have suffered problems with the IT infrastructure, where by computers have been unable to connect to the server, restricting access to emails and the Town Council's shared network from which employees work. Connection problems have been continuous and the Council's IT support helpdesk has had to spend time rebooting the server and rectifying connection issues on a daily basis.

The current server is now obsolete, operating from Microsoft exchange. As such IT support is unable to remedy issues as they arise and have advised that a new server is required. IT Support have informed the Clerk that there is not enough memory to deal with the sheer weight of emails that now come into the server and thus causes the server to crash.

A new server would have more memory storage and the latest operating system Office 365, would be fully supported and include storing emails to The Cloud which can be accessed out of office if needed.

We have received a quotation from our IT support company for £4,280.68 excluding VAT for a package which includes the purchase of a new server with a 3 year warranty, the installation, the background migration setup of emails, data transfer, install and setup of Office 365 on all computers, re-joining users to the domain and setup of printers.

**Recommendation**

Members are asked to approve the purchase of a new server for the Council and that the purchase of the server be funded from the Rolling Capital Fund.



## SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Full Council

DATE: 9 January 2017

OFFICER: Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Scale of Charges for Financial Year 2017/18

The table below details the 2016/17 scale of charges for Council functions and services as agreed at a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources committee on 18 January 2016.

The table proposes some increases in charges for the financial year 2017/18. The increases are either based on the last available RPI figure of 1.2% (November 2016) or a set amount where 1.2% is unpractical. Figures are rounded.

<b>Sports Charges</b>			
<b>Football</b>			
<i>Bedford Road Recreation Ground – Sandy Football Club</i>	<b>2016/17 £</b>	<b>2017/18 £</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Pitch and Pavilion	Lease		
Line Marking of football pitch per marking	24.00	24.30	+ VAT
<i>Sunderland Road Recreation Ground</i>			
<b>Football</b>			
Seasonal hire of junior pitch	65.00	66.00	
Casual use of senior pitch	33.00	34.00	+ VAT
Casual use of junior pitch	11.00	12.00	+ VAT
<i>Seasonal use of football pitch and 2 changing rooms:</i>			
Sandy Colts and other junior teams	169.00	171.00	
Sandy Colts senior teams	194.00	196.00	
Adult teams	414.00	419.00	
<b>Cricket</b>			
Lease			
Sandy Cricket Club (2 changing rooms and education room)	204.00	206.45	
Sandy Cricket Club (pitch) -	262.60	265.75	
Casual use of cricket pitch (income to club)	Set by SCC		
Other clubs (seasonal use of 2 changing rooms)	216.50	219.00	
Casual use of 2 changing rooms	20.00	20.00	
<b>Bowls</b>			
Lease			
Sandy Town Bowls Club			
Rink Fees (bowling green per person per rink per hour)	3.90	4.00	+ VAT

<b>Premises, Leases etc</b>			
<b>Jenkins Pavilion</b>			
<b>Non profit making youth groups:</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>VAT</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Seasonal or termly use of education room (weekly meetings)	Set By SLL		
Casual use of education room (per hour)	Set By SLL		
<b>Non profit making adult groups:</b>			
Yearly use of education room (monthly meetings)	Set By SLL		
Commercial or business groups:	Set By SLL		
Casual use of education room (per hour)	Set By SLL		

<b>Premises, Leases etc continued</b>				
<b>10 Cambridge Road</b>				
<b>Day Time</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>VAT</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		
Hire of Council Chamber per session (4 hours)	35.00	Remain at same level as last year	+ VAT	
Hire of council chamber per session day rate	60.00		+ VAT	
Hire of Chamber per hour	10.00		+ VAT	
<b>Evening</b>				
Hire of Chamber per Hour	12.00		+ VAT	
Hire of Chamber for (4 hours)	40.00		+ VAT	

<b>Other Charges</b>			
<b>Sale of Council Papers</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>VAT</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Agenda, Minutes and supporting papers per year	200.00	Remain at same level as last year	
<b>Photocopying Charges</b>			
Black and White A4	0.10		Inc VAT
Black and White A3	0.20		Inc VAT
Black and White A4 card	0.20		Inc VAT
Colour A4	0.50		Inc VAT
Colour A3	0.80		Inc VAT
Laminating A4	0.80		Inc VAT
Laminating A3	1.30		Inc VAT
Administration costs if applicable (time spent on fulfilling request exceeds 1 hour)		10.00	
<b>Town Centre Car Park</b>			
Pass (non-refundable)	130.00	135.00	+ VAT

<b>Burials and Memorials</b>		
<b>Exclusive rights to Burial</b>	<b>2016/17 £</b>	<b>2017/18 £</b>
Burial in all sections 7 ft x 3 ft	185.00 (all sections)	187.00
Burial in all sections 7 ft x 6 ft	370.00 (all sections)	375.00
Fee for transfer of rights of burial document	60.00	60.00
<b>Treble fees for non- parishioners</b>		

<b>Burials and Memorials</b>		
<b>Exclusive rights to Burial of cremated remains</b>	<b>2016/17 £</b>	<b>2017/18 £</b>
Cremated remains in earthen grave 2 ft x 2 ft	100.00 (all sections)	Remain at 2016/17 Level
Cremated remains in earthen grave 4 ft x 2 ft	200.00 (all sections)	
<b>Tablets are the only memorials permitted</b>		
<b>Treble fees for non- parishioners</b>		
<b>Interment Fees</b>		
Interment of a body of a non-viable foetus or a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 12 months	30.00	Remain at 2016/17 Level
Interment of a body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 months but did not exceed 12 years	60.00	
Interment of a body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years	425.00	430.00
Cremated remains	125.00	126.50
Scattering of cremated remains	25.00	25.00
<i>Fees above include the digging of the grave and apply only where the interment is made between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm Monday to Friday or on the certificate of a coroner or registered medical practitioner that immediate interment is necessary. In any other case an additional fee is payable available on application at the time of the interment</i>		
Extra charge per ft for excavations deeper than 7 ft	75.00	75.00
<b>Treble fees for non- parishioners</b>		
<b>Chapel Fees</b>		
Use of cemetery chapel	-	-
<i>Use of the chapel is currently suspended due to health &amp; safety.</i>		

<b>Burials and Memorials continued</b>		
<b>Memorial Fees</b>	<b>2016/17 £</b>	<b>2017/18 £</b>
Any headstone, vase or tablet permitted under the regulations	140.00	145.00
Subsequent inscriptions	50.00	50.00
<b><i>Treble fees for non- parishioners</i></b>		
<b>Maintenance Fees</b>		
Maintenance of graves (per single grave not planted per annum)	55.00	Remain at 2016/17 Level
Maintenance of graves (per single grave planted x 2 per annum)	120.00	
New requests for maintenance of planted grave	150.00	
Maintenance in perpetuity	2,325.00	2,353.00

**Communication Received From:** Central Bedfordshire Council  
**Date:** 4 January 2017  
**Subject:** Budget consultation

I am writing to let you know that the council's draft budget is now published for consultation.

The draft budget sets out how we plan to reduce spending in order to balance the books, where money will be invested and proposals for council tax.

Protecting and maintaining vital frontline services is at heart of the council's proposals for this year. We are planning to spend £189million on public services, over a third of which will be spent on Adult Social Care (£73.5m) and almost a fifth on Children's Services (£36m).

However, we are looking to deliver these services in the face of continuing financial pressures. Costs of providing services are rising due to an increasing older population and more vulnerable families within our communities needing support. And at the same time, the amount of money coming in from the government to help fund services is reducing significantly. Next year, we will receive half the amount of government grant that we were allocated this year and by 2019/20 this grant funding will disappear altogether.

Until last year, local councils were given additional money if they did not raise council tax. Now there is an expectation that council tax will be increased to help cover the rising costs of delivering services. And a new Adult Social Care levy (known as a precept) has been introduced by the government which requires local people to pay towards the increasing costs of care for our older or vulnerable residents.

To help bridge the gap between what funding that we need and the income we expect our plan is to:

- Continue to find ways to reduce spending through a range of saving measures
- Apply the Adult Social Care precept with an increase in council tax of up to 3% to contribute towards funding for care services
- Increase council tax by 1.75% to contribute towards funding of other services

The application of the Adult Social Care precept (of an increase of up to 3%) would result in a weekly increase of 78 pence in council tax for an average household (Band D). This, combined with the proposed 1.75% increase in council tax, would result in a total weekly increase of £1.24 for an average household (Band D).

We are also asking for residents' views on an additional savings package of just over £15.2million. Savings measures being proposed include: reviewing contracts and seeking better deals from suppliers in areas such as facilities management; reducing the use of agency workers; giving customers the option to make their own contribution to "top up" the service they receive; generating income by trading council services; and withdrawing some services where the need for them is not apparent.

The council has a strong track record of improving efficiency. Since Central Bedfordshire Council was set up in 2009, we have reduced spending by £104million. Efficiency and value for money have always been a top priority and will continue to be so.

The budget also includes investing in capital projects next year. Projects being proposed include new school buildings, extra care schemes, road improvements, rolling out superfast broadband, improving our market towns and country parks and energy efficiency improvements - which in turn save money.

A summary of the draft budget and questionnaire is available on the council's website at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/budget2017](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/budget2017) and hard copies are available in libraries, Priory House and Watling House reception areas.

Please have your say by completing the questionnaire by **30 January 2017**.

If you would like to make hard copies of the consultation to make them available for residents please contact Karen Aspinall in the Communications Team (T. 0300 300 6286).

Executive will consider the consultation feedback at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February and recommend a final budget on 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Council.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Richard Wenham  
Executive Member, Corporate Resources

**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 16 January 2017

**AUTHOR:** Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Sandy Crime Statistics for December 2016

**Summary**

Due to insufficient resources Town Councils in Bedfordshire no longer receive representation at Council meetings from the Bedfordshire Police Force. Councillors have expressed concern about the level of crime in the area, how it is reported and how it is dealt with. The following crime statistics are provided by Central Bedfordshire Council, the information is taken from the Police UK website.

The statistics are provided for Members reference. Members are asked to consider the value of the information and whether they wish this reported on a regular basis to Town Council.

**Statistics**

OFFENCE CLASS DESCRIPTION	COMMITTED	ADDRESS	BEAT CODE	BEAT NAME
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	18/12/2016 10:40	WAVERLEY AVENUE SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	09/12/2016 16:00	GLEBE ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	09/12/2016 20:25	ST. NEOTS ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY

**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 16 January 2017

**AUTHOR:** Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** 2017/18 Budget and Precept

**Summary**

At meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources (PFR) Committee on 9 January 2017 Members reviewed the proposed 2017/18 budget and precept level.

It was Resolved to Recommend that the 2017/18 budget as it was set out was approved by the Town Council and that a precept increase of 3.72% be requested to support the budget.

**Information**

Budget codes were initially reviewed at a meeting of the PFR Committee on 10 October 2016. The purpose of this was to review previous financial year's actual expenditure in each of the budget lines and establish budget levels for the next financial year.

The committees recommended 2017/18 budget code amounts were incorporated into the 2017/18 budget papers by the accountant and presented as a proposed budget to the PFR committee on 21 November 2017.

Following a review of the proposed budget by the committee specific budget lines were amended to reflect the committees review and the increasing/decreasing of individual budgets. An amended budget was brought to PFR on 9 January 2017.

Members are asked to approve Recommendation put forward by the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee.

**Please note:** Members have already received full budget papers and are requested to bring these with them to the meeting. The budget papers presented to the PFR committee on 9 January 2017 have not changed.



COMMON ASSAULT	05/12/2016 15:24	MARKET SQUARE SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
COMMON ASSAULT	12/12/2016 09:30	BUNYAN ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
COMMON ASSAULT	29/12/2016 08:54	GLEBE ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	07/12/2016 16:00	LONGFIELD ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	10/12/2016 12:00	ENGAYNE AVENUE SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	10/12/2016 23:00	MIDLAND ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	14/12/2016 20:00	BALMORAL CLOSE SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	23/12/2016 10:00	POTTON ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	29/12/2016 11:30	NORTHCROFT SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE	18/12/2016 19:00	COLLEGE ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	02/12/2016 14:00	PEELS PLACE SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	06/12/2016 18:00	KINGSLEY COURT SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	23/12/2016 10:00	POTTON ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	23/12/2016 10:00	POTTON ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	30/12/2016 11:00	SUNDERLAND ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	30/12/2016 15:10	MARKET SQUARE SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY

AFFRAY	03/12/2016 08:15	IVEL ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	22/12/2016 23:30	A603 ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING - ATTEMPTED	10/12/2016 18:00	WEST FIELD GARDENS SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	03/12/2016 03:30	LONDON ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	09/12/2016 18:10	SWANSHOLME GARDENS SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	04/12/2016 00:00	SPENCER ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
COMMON ASSAULT	17/12/2016 15:00	NEW ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO OTHER BUILDINGS	18/12/2016 23:50	PARK ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO OTHER BUILDINGS	20/12/2016 16:30	HIGH STREET SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	21/12/2016 10:00	WOOLFELD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE	02/12/2016 08:00	WEST ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	02/12/2016 20:00	LONDON ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	14/12/2016 15:59	HIGH STREET SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	17/12/2016 15:00	NEW ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY

**Communication Received From:** Central Bedfordshire Council

**Date:** 4 January 2017

**Subject:** Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Plan

Dear Clerk,

I am writing to advise you that the Council is intending to hold back on the process of publishing our draft Local Plan for consultation. After consulting earlier this year on the potential Growth Options for Central Bedfordshire through the 'Shaping Central Bedfordshire' publication we were aiming to consult in the New Year on a first draft of the Local Plan.

However, you may be aware that the Government intended to announce a Housing White Paper at the same time as the Autumn Statement but this was delayed and it is now expected to be published during the same time frame as we intended to publish the draft Local Plan for consultation. This change has resulted in a situation where we would be unable to satisfactorily deal with any of the implications that may come with this announcement. Whilst we cannot be certain at this stage what these implications might be for Central Bedfordshire we do recognise that there is the potential for significant changes in relation to housing numbers and the manner in which Local Plans need to be developed to ensure they are found sound.

In this context I have concluded (as have other Local Authorities across the UK) that it would be inappropriate to continue with the planned publication of our draft Local Plan next month. The process we have taken to get us to this point has been thorough and robust and whilst we are disappointed that we cannot release the Plan in line with our original timescales I believe that holding back at this stage is the right decision and will allow us to ensure we can react to the changes in the White Paper without undermining the process to this point. I should stress that I regard this only as a temporary suspension in our process and that we remain confident that we will be able to deliver a draft Plan in 2017. Work will continue on the Plan and the emphasis of this work will remain around ensuring it delivers sustainable high quality development supported by the necessary infrastructure.

The community planning work we have been undertaking will also continue and this pause should allow us to complete this before the release of the draft Plan and will allow an assessment of this work to be started which will then inform the following version of the Plan as intended.

If you have any queries or concerns about this development please contact [localplan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk). You can also check the Council's website to keep up-to-date with progress and timescales.

Regards

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