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To: All Members of the Council

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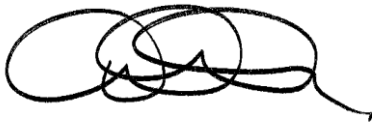
Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LUTON on

Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below.

Yours sincerely



Trevor Holden
Chief Executive

AGENDA
No. 02/15

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Ordinary (1) and Extraordinary (2) meeting of the Council held on 4th November 2014 as set out on pages 358 to 364.

2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. CORRECTION SHEET

The Mayor to refer to any correction sheet circulated at the meeting.

4. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.1

To consider any questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7.1. [Any unfinished business under this item will be dealt with at Agenda Item 10]

5. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1. Standards Committee Annual Report 2013-14 365 - 380

6. REPORT OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

To consider the report of the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority as set out on pages 381 to 383.

7. BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY: QUESTIONS

A representative of the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority to answer any questions submitted under Standing Order 15.1.

8. RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE:

Meeting held on 17th November 2014

1. Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2014 384 – 393

9. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF POLICY AND PERFORMANCE)

1. Development Control Committee – Change of Membership 394 - 395

10. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.1

To deal with any unfinished business left over from Agenda Item 4 above.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LUTON HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, LUTON ON

TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2014 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

THE MAYOR -

THE DEPUTY MAYOR -

COUNCILLORS -

Councillor Farooq

Councillor T. Malik

Akbar, Ashraf, M. Ayub, N.

Ayub, Campbell, Chapman, J.

Davies, R. J. Davis, Dolling,

Foord, Franks, Garrett, Hanif,

Hinkley, Hopkins, Hussain, A.

Khan, T. Khan, Knight, Lewis,

Malcolm, K. Malik, Mead,

Moles, Rathore, Riaz, Rivers,

Roden, Saleem, Shaw,

Simmons, Skepelhorn, Taylor,

Timoney, Titmuss, Whittaker

and Zia

93 MINUTES (REF: 1)

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th September 2014 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

94 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Bailey, Burnett, Castleman, Cato, Gale, Sharif, Stewart, and Worlding.

95 MEMBERS' CONDUCT (REF: 2.1)

The Mayor reminded Members of the need to observe proper conduct, to show respect for each other and to observe his rulings at meetings of the Council.

96 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (REF: 3)

The Mayor advised Members that information about his forthcoming Mayoral events and other news had been circulated around the Chamber.

97 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that a list of items before the Council which were within the ambit of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 had been circulated to all Members and that any Member to whom that Section applied should disclose the fact and refrain from voting on any question relating to those items.

(Note: No disclosures by Members were made)

98 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive reported that disclosure of interests had been received from Councillors Dolling, Saleem and Whittaker who disclosed a prejudicial interest in agenda item 10, Payment of Allowances to Members of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel in their capacity as members of the Police and Crime Panel and left the room for that item.

99 PRESENTATION – CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN LUTON – CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & LEARNING (ITEM 2.1)

The Chief Executive and the Director of Children & Learning gave a presentation on Child Sexual Exploitation in Luton. In making the presentation a number of questions from Councillors were responded to.

Resolved: That the Council's thanks to the Chief Executive and the Director of Children and Learning for their presentation, be recorded.

100 QUESTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.1 (REF: 5)

Councillor Garret asked and Councillor Lewis responded to a question (Ref: Q/11/14) of which written notice had been given under Standing Order 7.1.

Councillor Franks asked and Councillor Taylor responded to a question (Ref: Q/12/14) of which written notice had been given under Standing Order 7.1.

Councillor Moles asked and Councillor Taylor responded to a question (Ref: Q/13/14) of which written notice had been given under Standing Order 7.1

Councillor Taylor agreed to provide a written reply to a supplementary question regarding the timing of road works on the Hayling Drive roundabout.

Councillor Garrett asked and Councillor Taylor responded to a question (Ref: Q/14/14) of which written notice had been given under Standing Order 7.1.

101 BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY: QUESTIONS (REF: 6)

The Mayor advised that no written notice had been given by Councillors under Standing Order 15.1 of their intention to ask a question of the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

102 YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN FOR LUTON 2014-15 (REF: 7)

Upon consideration of the recommendations of the Executive the Youth Justice Plan for Luton 2014-15. It was proposed by Councillor Akbar, seconded by Councillor Hussain and:

Resolved: That the Youth Justice Plan 2014/15 as set out at Appendix A to the report of the Head of Policy & Performance be approved as part of the Council's Policy Framework.

103 YOUNG PEOPLE'S PANEL – CHANGE OF MEMBER (REF 8)

Upon consideration of the report of the Chief Executive (Head of Policy and Performance) in relation to the Young People's Panel – Change of Member, it was proposed by Councillor Simmons, seconded by Councillor Timoney and:

Resolved: That the replacement be approved of Councillor Hinkley with Councillor Mead on the Young People's Panel with immediate effect.

104 WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY (REF: 9)

Upon consideration of the report of the Head of HR and Monitoring Officer in relation to the Whistleblowing Policy, it was proposed by Councillor Simmons, seconded by Councillor Timoney and:

Resolved: That the revised Whistleblowing Policy attached at Appendix A to the report of the Head of HR and Monitoring Officer be adopted.

105 PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO MEMBERS OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL (REF: 10.1)

- (a) Upon consideration of the report of the Bedford Borough Council's Independent Remuneration Panel on the Payment of Allowance to Members of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel, it was proposed by Councillor Simmons, seconded by Councillor Timoney:

That the following payment of allowances to members of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel be approved:

- (i) that an allowance of £5050 pa be paid to the Chair of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel
- (ii) that an allowance of £500 pa be paid to the Vice Chair of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel

- (iii) that each of the Panel's Lay Members be paid an allowance of £750 pa
 - (iv) that in the event that a Lay Member is elected as Chair or Vice Chair of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel, they be paid both the Chair or Vice Chairs' allowance (as appropriate) and the Lay Members' Allowance
 - (v) that the allowances set out in recommendations 2 (i) to 2 (iii) above be payable with effect from 1st April 2014.
- (b) An amendment was proposed by Councillor Franks, seconded by Councillor Skepelhorn but upon being put to the meeting was lost:

"That the following recommendations be deleted:

- (i) That an allowance of £5050 pa be paid to the Chair of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel
 - (ii) That an allowance of £500 pa be paid to the Vice Chair of the Bedfordshire Police & Crime Panel
 - (iii) That in the event that a Lay Member is elected as Chair or Vice Chair the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel, they be paid both the Chair and Vice Chair's allowance (as appropriate) and the Lay Members' Allowance.
- (c) The substantive motion was then put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved: That the recommendations of Bedford Borough Council's Independent Remuneration Panel be approved as follows:

- (i) that an allowance of £5050 pa be paid to the Chair of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel
- (ii) that an allowance of £5000 pa be paid to the Vice Chair of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel
- (iii) that each of the Panel's Lay Members be paid an allowance of £750 pa
- (iv) that in the event that a Lay Member is elected as Chair or Vice Chair of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel, they be paid both the Chair or Vice Chairs' allowance (as appropriate) and the Lay Members' Allowance
- (v) that the allowances set out in recommendations 2 (i) to 2 (iii) above be payable with effect from 1st April 2014.

(Note: Councillors Dolling, Whittaker and Saleem disclosed a prejudicial interest in the above item as members of the Police & Crime Panel and left the meeting)

106 NOTICE OF MOTION (REF: 11)

Prior to proposing the motion Councillor N. Ayub altered the motion as follows:

In the fourth line of the motion the words “Terrorists do not have a religion” were replaced by the words “using religion as an excuse for encouraging terrorism is not acceptable.”

(a) It was proposed by Councillor N. Ayub, seconded by Councillor Hopkins:

That Council:

Support the view expressed by the Chair of the newly formed Members Engagement Group that:

We as people of faith or no faith fully support the #notinmyname campaign.

Using religion as an excuse for encouraging terrorism is not acceptable.

No world religion promotes extremism

Condemn what ISIS is doing to innocent non-Muslim and Muslim inhabitants of Iraq and Syria – they are NOT Islamic and they are NOT a State.

Council will not allow Terrorists to use the name of Islam or any religion to disguise their barbaric and twisted ambitions.”

(b) An amendment was put to the meeting by Councillor Franks and seconded by Councillor Skepelhorn

That the words “allow” and “to use” in the final paragraph of the motion be replaced by the words “condone” and “using” respectively

(c) The amended motion was accepted by the mover and seconder of the original motion

(d) The amended motion was then put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved: That Council

Support the view expressed by the Chair of the newly formed Members Engagement Group that:

We as people of faith or no faith fully support the #notinmyname campaign.

Using religion as an excuse for encouraging terrorism is not acceptable.

No world religion promotes extremism

Condemn what ISIS is doing to innocent non-Muslim and Muslim inhabitants of Iraq and Syria – they are NOT Islamic and they are NOT a State.

Council will not condone Terrorists using the name of Islam or any religion to disguise their barbaric and twisted ambitions.”

(Note: The meeting ended at 7.32 p.m.)

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LUTON HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, LUTON ON

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER AT 7.32 P.M.

PRESENT:

THE MAYOR -

THE DEPUTY MAYOR -

COUNCILLORS -

Councillor Farooq

Councillor T. Malik

Akbar, Ashraf, M. Ayub, N.

Ayub, Campbell, Chapman, J.

Davies, R. J. Davis, Dolling,

Foord, Franks, Garrett, Hanif,

Hinkley, Hopkins, Hussain, A.

Khan, T. Khan, Knight, Lewis,

Malcolm, K. Malik, Mead,

Moles, Rathore, Riaz, Rivers,

Roden, Saleem, Shaw,

Simmons, Skepelhorn, Taylor,

Timoney, Titmuss, Whittaker

and Zia

108 HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

It was proposed by Councillor Simmons, seconded by Councillor Timoney and;

Resolved: That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council of the Borough do hereby admit Lord McKenzie of Luton, Mr Vivian Dunnington MBE and Mr John Still to be Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Luton in recognition of the eminent services they have rendered to the Borough of Luton .

The Mayor advised that further to the above resolution, an Extraordinary meeting of the Council would be held on Thursday 15th January 2015 to present to Lord McKenzie of Luton, Mr Vivian Dunnington MBE and Mr John Still, Scrolls recording their admission as Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Luton.

(Note: The meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.)

COUNCIL

DATE: 20TH JANUARY 2015

SUBJECT: STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2013 / 2014

REPORT BY: CHAIR OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

CONTACT OFFICER: DEBORAH GARNER 01582 546669

IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	✓	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES		ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING		OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: NONE

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to refer to the Council the recommendations of the Standards Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the Council be recommended to receive the 2013/14 Annual Report of the Standards Committee as attached at Appendix A to this report.

REPORT

3. At its meeting on 19th November 2014, the Standards Committee considered a report of the Chair of Standards Committee entitled "Annual Report of Standards Committee 2013/2014".
4. Following consideration of the matter, the Standards Committee resolved as follows:

'That the Standards Committee Annual Report 2013/14 and Members Attendance Record attached at Appendices A and B respectively to the

report of the Chair of Standards Committee be approved for onward submission to Full Council.'

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no legal implications to this report. This was agreed with J. Newman in Legal Services on 5th November 2014.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no financial implications to this report.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

7. That the Council receive the Standards Committee Annual Report covering the Municipal Year 2013/14.

APPENDICES

8. The following appendices are attached to this report:-

Appendix A: Annual Report of Standards Committee 2013/14
Appendix B: Members Attendance Record 2013/14

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

Committee Report Ref: SC/11/14/6.

Standards Committee Minute No. SC/17/14.

ANNUAL REPORT
LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Municipal Year 2013-14

This is the Ninth Annual Report of the Standards Committee, established under the Local Government Act 2003.

It is constituted (as at May 2014) as follows:

Elected Members

Cllr Dolling
Cllr Moles
Cllr Sharif
Cllr Titmuss
Cllr Worlding

Independent Members

Mr John Jones (Chair)
Mr James Hearnshaw (Vice-Chair)
Mrs Maureen Briggs
Mrs Cheryl Smart
Mrs Madeleine Williams

Note: It is required that each of the local assessment, review and adjudication panels should be chaired by an Independent Member and that an elected Member should also be present.

At the Annual Meeting on 21st May 2013, Mr J Jones was elected Chair and Mr J Hearnshaw Vice Chair of the Committee. During the year the Committee was pleased to welcome Madeleine Williams as an Independent Member.

The membership of the various panels referred to above was established at a brief meeting following the Annual Meeting of Council.

As members will be aware, following the Localism Act, this Committee changed into an Advisory Committee, with its existing role of advising, monitoring, and training of members in matters concerning the correct observance of the Code of Conduct. Additionally, the Committee retained its role in adjudication in the event of an allegation of a breach of the Code being brought before it, and of recommending to full Council what sanction should be imposed in the event of that breach being proved.

Furthermore the Committee are expected to work with the appointed Independent Persons whom all Public Authorities are required to consult in the event of a complaint being made to the Monitoring Officer. It should be

noted that, as the existing Independent Members of the Committee continued their period of appointment beyond the 1st of July 2012, none of them is eligible to act as Independent Person for this authority.

As there is no appeal path for any decisions which may be made concerning breaches of the Code, apart from that of judicial review, consideration has been given to the implications which this may have and members alerted to how this may affect the way in which complaints are processed, in particular when the complaint has been made by:

- a) The Executive Leader
- b) A member of the Standards Committee
- c) The Council's Chief Executive
- d) The Council's Monitoring Officer (or a Deputy)
- e) The Council's Chief Finance Officer (for the purposes of Section 151 of the LGA 1972).

or against one of the Group Leaders or a member of the Standards Committee.

Members Attendance

In the Annual Reports of recent years I have published the official attendance figures for the various committees of the Council. These are taken from the CMIS record and members were advised to check regularly the accuracy of these figures during the year. These figures are attached as Appendix 1.

It is recognised that this record is not intended to reflect in any way the amount of work which Members may undertake, outside the various committees and bodies mentioned, in particular work with outside organisations and for constituents. It is information which can be obtained by trawling the website and is therefore intended to provide a summary, rather than a commentary, on each member's attendance.

Breaches of the Code

I can report that during the municipal year there were two allegations of breaches of the Code brought before the Committee. Following investigation and meetings of the Adjudication Panel one of these was upheld (in relation to non-declaration of an interest, when a censure was recommended) and one was dismissed.

Council Monitoring

Throughout the year the meetings of Full Council have been monitored on a regular basis by the Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

On checking the feedback from the independent members I can report once again that the behaviour has maintained its generally high standard reported on last year. The independent members of the Standards Committee would like to congratulate elected members on this achievement.

Finally, I cannot close this Report without mentioning the support which has been provided to the Committee (as well as to me personally) by Angela Claridge in her role as Monitoring Officer. I have enjoyed working with her and the rest of the legal team as the changes, outlined above, have come to pass. These have now bedded in and seem to be working well.

I would also like to acknowledge the support provided by Democratic Services who are always willing to go that extra mile to support me in this role.

I know I speak on behalf of all the Independent Members of the Standards Committee when I thank all those concerned for their help and support.

John Jones
Independent Chair,
Standards Committee

October 2014

MEMBER ATTENDANCE – MUNICIPAL YEAR MAY 2013 TO MAY 2014

Councillor Akbar	Committee	Number of meetings held	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	West Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Executive	14	12	86%
	Appointments panel	1	1	100%
	Health & Wellbeing Board	6	5	83%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	3	75%
	Young Peoples Panel	5	1	20%
TOTALS:		40	31	77%

Councillor Ashraf	Committee	Number of meetings held	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Executive	14	14	100%
	Health & Wellbeing Board	6	4	67%
	South Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
TOTALS:		30	28	93%

Councillor M. Ayub	Committee	Number of meetings held	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Scrutiny Finance Review Group	7	6	86%
TOTALS:		17	15	88%

Councillor N. Ayub	Committee	Number of meetings held	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Executive	14	14	100%
TOTALS:		24	23	96%

Councillor Bailey	Committee	Number of meetings held	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	Constitution Committee	0	0	0%
	Scrutiny Finance Review Group	7	5	71%

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	West Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
TOTALS:		17	14	82%
Councillor Burnett	Committee	Number of meetings held	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	5	71%
	Administration & Regulation Committee	9	7	78%
	Appointments Panel	1	1	100%
	Scrutiny Finance Review Group	7	7	100%
	Young Peoples Panel	5	1	20%
	North Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
TOTALS:		32	24	75%
Councillor Campbell	Committee	Number of meetings held	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	4	57%
	Constitution Committee	0	0	0%
	North Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Appointments Panel	1	0	0%
	Development Control	14	7	50%
	Health & Wellbeing Board	6	1	17%
	Health & Social Care Review Group	9	4	44%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panel	1	1	100%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	1	25%
	Overview & Scrutiny Board	1	1	100%
TOTALS:		47	22	47%

Councillor Castleman	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	1	1	100%
	South Luton Area Board	0	0	0%
TOTALS:		1	1	100%
Councillor Cato	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	2	29%
	Administration & Regulation Committee	9	4	44%
	East Luton Area Board	3	1	33%
	Overview & Scrutiny Board	10	6	60%

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	Task & Finish Group: Infant Mortality	5	0	0%
	Constitution Committee	0	0	0%
TOTALS:		34	13	38%
Councillor Chapman	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	East Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Administration & Regulation Committee	9	3	33%
TOTALS:		19	13	68%
Councillor J. Davies	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	East Luton Area Board	3	2	66%
	Task & Finish Group: Health & Social Care Review Group	9	7	78%
	Task & Finish Group – Hospital Discharge	2	1	50%
TOTALS:		21	16	76%

Councillor R. J Davis	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	North Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Audit & Governance Committee	5	5	100%
	Constitution Committee	0	0	100%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panel	2	2	100%
TOTALS:		18	18	100%
Councillor M.J Dolling	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Development Control	14	13	92%
	East Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Licensing Committee	1	0	0%
	Licensing Panel	1	1	100%
	LJNCC	1	1	100%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	1	25%
	Standards Committee	4	4	100%
TOTALS:		35	30	86%

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Councillor Farooq	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	South Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Development Control	14	10	71%
	Audit & Governance Committee	5	5	100%
	Constitution Committee	0	0	0%
TOTALS:		29	25	86%
Councillor Foord	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	North Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Health & Wellbeing Board SUB	3	3	100%
	Task & Finish Group: Health & Social Care Review Group	9	7	78%
	Task & Finish Group – Domestic Violence	4	2	50%
	Task & Finish Group – Infant Mortality Review	5	5	100%
	Housing Appeals Panel	13	11	85%
TOTALS:		44	37	84%
Councillor Franks	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Development Control	14	12	86%
	Constitution Committee	0	0	0%
	East Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Overview and Scrutiny Board	10	9	90%
	Scrutiny Finance Review Group	7	7	100%
	Airport Board	6	6	100%
	Appointments Panel	1	1	100%
	LJNCC	1	1	100%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	4	100%
	Young Peoples Panel	5	5	100%
TOTALS:		58	55	95%
Councillor Gale	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	5	71%
	South Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Appointments Panel	1	1	100%
	Audit & Governance Committee	5	4	80%
	Scrutiny Finance Review Group	7	6	86%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panel	6	6	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Hospital Discharge	2	2	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Domestic Violence	4	4	100%

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	Overview & Scrutiny Board	10	7	70%
	Task & Finish Group: Health & Social Care Review Group	9	6	67%
	LJNCC	1	1	100%
	Personnel Appeals Panel	3	3	100%
TOTALS:		59	49	83%

Councillor Garrett	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	North Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panel	3	3	100%
	Overview & Scrutiny Board	10	5	50%
	Personnel Appeals Panel	1	1	100%
TOTALS:		25	19	76%

Councillor Hanif	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Airport Board	6	6	100%
	East Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Housing Appeals Panel	13	12	92%
	Scrutiny Health & Social Care Review Group SUB	1	1	100%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	4	100%
	Young Peoples Panel	5	5	100%
TOTALS:		39	38	97%

Councillor Hinkley	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	North Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Licensing Committee	1	0	0%
	Licensing Panel	6	6	100%
	Overview & Scrutiny Board	10	10	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Domestic Violence	4	4	100%
TOTALS:		31	30	97%

Councillor Hopkins	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Administration & Regulation Committee	9	9	100%
	Audit & Governance Committee	5	5	100%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Personal Appeals Panel	1	1	100%

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TOTALS:		26	26	100%
Councillor Hussain	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	CSJNCC	0	0	0%
	South Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Executive	14	13	93%
	Development Control Committee	14	13	92%
	Health & Wellbeing Board	6	6	100%
	Housing Appeals Panel	11	10	90%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panels	7	7	100%
	LJNCC	1	0	0%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	3	75%
	Young Peoples Panel	5	3	66%
TOTALS:		73	64	87%
Councillor A Khan	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	West Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Overview and Scrutiny Board	10	5	50%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panel	1	1	100%
	Task & Finish Group: Health & Social Care Review Group	9	8	89%
	Task & Finish Group: Hospital Discharge	2	1	50%
TOTALS:		33	24	72%
Councillor T Khan	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Airport Board	6	5	83%
	CSJNCC	0	0	0%
	Task & Finish Group: Health & Social Care Review Group	9	6	67%
	Housing Appeals Panel	13	9	69%
TOTALS:		38	29	76%
Councillor Knight	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	North Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Airport Board	6	5	83%
	Task & Finish Group: Health & Social Care	1	1	100%

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	Review Group SUB			
	Task & Finish Group: Infant Mortality	5	4	80%
	Task & Finish Group: Domestic Violence	4	4	100%
TOTALS:		26	24	92%
Councillor Lewis	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	North Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Development Control Committee	14	14	100%
	Constitution committee	0	0	0%
	Licensing Committee	1	0	0%
	Licensing Panel	5	5	100%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	3	75%
TOTALS:		34	32	94%

Councillor Malcolm	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Audit & Governance Committee	5	5	100%
	Development Control Committee	14	14	100%
	Scrutiny Finance Review Group SUB	1	1	100%
	Young Peoples Panel	5	5	100%
TOTALS:		35	34	97%
Councillor K Malik	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Executive	14	13	93%
	West Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Personnel Appeals Panel	1	1	100%
	Young Peoples Panel	5	5	100%
TOTALS:		30	29	97%
Councillor T Malik	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Development Control	11	9	81%
	Scrutiny Health & Social Care Review Group	3	3	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Infant Mortality	5	5	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Domestic Violence	4	3	75%
	West Luton Area Board	3	3	100%

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TOTALS:		33	30	91%
Councillor Mead	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	4	4	100%
	Licensing Committee	1	0	0%
	Licensing Panel	4	4	100%
	Young Peoples Panel	2	0	0%
	Central Luton Area Board	2	2	100%
		13	10	77%
Councillor Moles	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Standards Committee	4	4	100%
	East Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Overview & Scrutiny Board	10	10	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Health & Social Care Review Group	9	8	89%
	Task & Finish Group – Hospital Discharge	2	2	100%
TOTALS:		35	34	97%
Councillor O’Callaghan	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	South Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	CSJNCC	0	0	0%
	Development Control	14	10	71%
	Overview & Scrutiny Board	10	9	90%
	Task & Finish Group – Domestic Violence	4	4	100%
	Young Peoples Panel	5	5	100%
TOTALS:		43	38	88%
Councillor Rathore	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Administration & Regulation Committee	9	7	78%
	Overview & Scrutiny Board	10	4	40%
TOTALS:		29	20	69%

Councillor	Committee	Number of	Attended	% attendance
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Riaz		meetings		
	Council	7	6	86%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
TOTALS:		10	9	90%
Councillor Rivers	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	Development Control Committee	14	13	92%
	East Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panel	8	8	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Infant Mortality	5	5	100%
TOTALS:		38	36	95%
Councillor Roden	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	West Luton Area Board	3	1	33%
	Constitution Committee	0	0	0%
	Personnel Appeals Panel	1	1	100%
TOTALS:		11	9	82%
Councillor Saleem	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Personnel Appeals Panel	1	1	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Infant Mortality	5	2	40%
	Airport Board	6	4	67%
TOTALS:		22	15	68%

Councillor Sharif	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Constitution Committee	0	0	0%
	Standards Committee	3	3	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Domestic Violence	4	4	100%
	South Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
TOTALS:		17	17	100%
Councillor Shaw	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%

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	Executive	14	14	100%
	West Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Health & Wellbeing Board SUB	1	1	100%
TOTALS:		25	25	100%

Councillor Simmons	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Health & Wellbeing Board	6	6	100%
	Housing Appeals Panel	13	8	62%
	Executive	14	14	100%
	West Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
TOTALS:		43	38	88%

Councillor Skepelhorn	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Audit & Governance	3	3	100%
	Scrutiny Finance Review Group	4	4	100%
	Scrutiny Health & Social Care SUB	1	1	100%
	East Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
TOTALS:		18	18	100%

Councillor Stewart	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	3	43%
	Administration & Regulation Committee	9	0	0%
	West Luton Area Board	3	0	0%
TOTALS:		19	3	16%

Councillor Taylor	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Executive	14	14	100%
	South Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panels	3	3	100%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	4	100%
	Personnel Appeals Panel	1	1	100%
TOTALS:		33	33	100%

Councillor Timoney	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	Executive	14	13	92%

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	South Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Housing Appeals Panel	2	0	0%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	3	75%
TOTALS:		30	26	87%
Councillor Titmuss	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	North Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Standards Committee	3	2	67%
	Administration & Regulation Committee	9	4	20%
	Scrutiny Finance Review Group	7	6	86%
	Airport Board	6	4	67%
	OSB Sub	3	3	100%
	Personnel Appeals Panel	2	2	100%
TOTALS:		40	30	75%
Councillor Whittaker	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	6	86%
	Central Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Development Control	14	10	71%
	Local Plan Working Party	4	2	50%
	Task & Finish Group – Infant Mortality	5	5	100%
TOTALS:		33	26	79%
Councillor Worlding	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	North Luton Area Board	3	3	100%
	Administration & Regulation Committee	9	9	100%
	Housing Appeals Panel	13	11	85%
	Licensing Committee	1	1	100%
	Licensing Panel	4	4	100%
	OSB Sub	2	2	100%
	Standards Committee	3	3	100%
	Task & Finish Group – Hospital Discharge	2	1	50%
TOTALS:		44	41	93%
Councillor Zia	Committee	Number of meetings	Attended	% attendance
	Council	7	7	100%
	East Luton Area Board	3	2	67%
	Task & Finish Group – Health & Social Care Review Group	9	3	33%
TOTALS:		19	12	63%



BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT OF BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY FROM ITS MEETING ON 11 DECEMBER 2014 TO LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) held a meeting on 11 December 2014 at Service Headquarters, Kempston. The major issues discussed at the meeting are summarised below:

1. COMMUNICATIONS

Industrial Action

A 24 hour period of strike action had taken place from 09.00 on 9 December to 09.00 on 10 December 2014. There was also a mandate continuing to the end of the year for action short of strike.

Members were advised that the FBU leadership was meeting on 12 December 2014 and notification may be received following that meeting on strike dates to be called during the Christmas period.

Chair's Announcements

The Fire Service had sponsored the Keeping Luton Safe Award at the Luton's Best Awards, which was won by Aldwyck Housing Association's Next Generation Project.

Confirmation had been received from Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Penny Mordaunt MP, that all three of the Service's bids for Transformation Funding had been successful.

Members were reminded of the Christingle Service to be held at Woburn Parish Church at 7pm on 16 December 2014.

2. CORPORATE SERVICES POLICY AND CHALLENGE GROUP 2 DECEMBER 2014

Members received the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Policy and Challenge Group held on 2 December 2014 and the report of the Policy and Challenge Group's review 'An Investigation into Delivery Models including Collaborative Working, Shared Services and Outsourcing'.

The review of delivery models had been a year-long piece of work undertaken by the Policy and Challenge Group, during which evidence had been received in relation to the Service's current arrangements and external examples of joint working and best practice. It had resulted in a recommendation to agree that the Service should continue to investigate alternative delivery models on a case by case basis using the lessons learnt through the review.

The trial of 'paperless' meetings was ongoing.

3. SERVICE DELIVERY POLICY AND CHALLENGE GROUP 4 DECEMBER 2014

Members received the Minutes of the meeting of the Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group held on 4 December 2014.

It was noted that there had been a spike in incidents of accidental dwelling fires in certain areas of Bedford and Luton. Specific targeting had been put in place and it was anticipated that performance would improve in the current quarter.

4. DRAFT COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015-19

The Chief Fire Officer introduced the latest draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), which was currently in the process of being refreshed.

Members were reminded that, following discussion at the Members' Budget Workshop, it had been agreed that Public Forums would not be held this year on the proposals included in the CRMP. Consultation would be undertaken primarily through an online portal and postal survey.

Questions for the consultation were discussed. The final wording of the questions would be submitted to the Chief Fire Officer and the Members, through the Chair, for approval.

The draft Community Risk Management Plan 2015-10 was approved for public consultation and the associated consultation arrangements were agreed.

5. DRAFT 2015-16 REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Members received the draft 2015-16 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

The Head of Finance and Treasurer reported on in-year increase in business rates income and the Council Tax taxbase. It was anticipated that approximately £67,500 more in business rates would be collected in 2015/16. An increase in the Council Tax taxbase would result in increased Council Tax revenue of £360,000 in 2015/16. This would reduce the call on the Transformational Earmarked Reserve.

A draft revenue budget requirement of £28.415 million, with a council tax increase of 1.99% and a draft Capital Programme of £1.518 million was approved for further consultation.

6. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015/16

A Members' Allowances Scheme from 1 April 2015 was considered, updated and included as part of the consideration of the Budget for 2015/16.

(Note: All Members disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in this item.)

7. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The submitted calendar of dates for meetings of the Fire and Rescue Authority and its associated Committees and Groups for the forthcoming year (2015/16) was approved.

8. FRA SECRETARY/MONITORING OFFICER

Following notification of the current Secretary and Monitoring Officer, Mr Roger Wansbrough, to retire, Members were presented with a range of options to fill the role and Members' views were sought on which options should be explored.

External appointment was selected as the preferred option to fill the role of Secretary and Monitoring Officer. Officers were also asked to continue investigating sharing with a neighbouring authority in the event that the post cannot be successfully filled via external appointment.

9. INFORMATION BULLETIN

The Service's resilience arrangements had been implemented during the recent strike period (9-10 December 2014) and 8-9 rescue pumps were available over the 24 hour strike period. Both Aerial Platforms, one rescue boat and one water carrier had also been available. These had been operated by retained staff and non-striking Officers and firefighters mobilised from Bedford, Leighton Buzzard and Luton Fire Stations. Over the strike period, a total of thirty-two calls had been received. Seventeen of these had been mobilised to, including four property fires, three road traffic collisions and one lock-out.

Members expressed their appreciation of the work undertaken by the resilience crews.

In relation to Automatic Fire Alarms (AFAs), Members were advised that the Service had worked hard to drive down the number of mobilisations to AFAs, and this number had decreased significantly over the past 18 months.

The increasing problem of derelict buildings being used as squatters' accommodation and the resultant fire risk was discussed.

COUNCILLOR SALEEM
MEMBER OF BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

COUNCIL

DATE: 20TH JANUARY 2015

SUBJECT: TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REPORT –
HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

REPORT BY: HEAD OF POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

CONTACT OFFICER: MATT HUSSEY 01582 546032

IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	✓	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES		ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING		OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: NONE

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to refer to the Council a recommendation arising from the Executive held on 17th November 2014 in relation to the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for the half year ended 30th September 2014.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That Council Approve:
 - (i) the Mid Year Report on Treasury Management for the year ended 30th September 2014, (which summarises and reviews the Council's Treasury Management activities)
 - (ii) the changes required to the Council's prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure and the Capital Financing requirement and Gross Borrowing System shown in the tables at paragraph 10, 12 and 13 of the Executive report attached as an Appendix A to this report.

BACKGROUND

3. The Head of Finance reports regularly to Executive on Treasury Management. As this is a subject requiring highly specialist knowledge, day-to-day treasury management activity is delegated to officers; the reports to Executive are to update Members on current situation.

REPORT

4. At its meeting held on 17th November 2014, the Executive considered the Mid Year Report for the half year ended 30th September 2014.
5. In previous years, Treasury Management Reports have been approved by Executive. Current legal advice from the government is that approval of these reports should now be a matter for Council.
6. Accordingly the matter has been referred to this meeting of the Council with a recommendation to approve.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The legal implications are as set out in the original report of the Head of Finance as attached at Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The financial implications are as set out in the original report of the Head of Finance as attached at Appendix A.

APPENDIX

10. Appendix A: Executive Report 17th November 2014, Item 12 Treasury Management Mid Year Report – half Year Ended 30th September 2014.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

Executive Decision EX/122/14

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CLMT	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Subject: Treasury Management Mid Year Report – half Year Ended 30th September 2014 (For Executive Only) Lead Executive Member(s): Councillor Ashraf Wards Affected: None	Consultations: Councillors <input type="checkbox"/> Scrutiny <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/>	(x) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Recommendations 1. That the Executive approve, for submission to full Council, the Mid Year Report on Treasury Management for the year ended 30 th September 2014, which summarises and reviews the Council's Treasury Management activities along with changes required to prudential indicators for capital Expenditure, Capital Financing requirement and Gross Borrowing shown in tables at paragraphs 10 and 12 and 13.
Background 2. This report is submitted in accordance with Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2014/15 approved at decision EX/15/14 and the Annual Investment Strategy approved by Full Council at minute 36/14.
The current position 3. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management was updated in November 2011). The primary requirements of the code are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creation and maintenance of a Treasury Management Policy Statement which sets out the policies and objectives of the Council's treasury management activities; • creation and maintenance of the Treasury Management Practices which set out the manner in which the Council seek to achieve those policies and objectives; • receipt by the full Council of the Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement including the Annual Investment Strategy (including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, a Mid Year Report and an Annual Report covering activities in the previous year; • delegation by the Council of responsibilities for implementing and monitoring treasury management policies and for the execution and administration of treasury management decisions; • delegation by the Council of the role of scrutiny of treasury management strategy and policies to Audit and Governance Committee. 4. The mid-year report has been prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice and

covers the following:

- an economic update for the first six months of 2014/15
- a review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy
- the Council's capital expenditure (prudential indicators)
- a review of the Council's investment portfolio for 2014/15
- a review of the Council's borrowing strategy for 2014/15
- a review of debt restructuring undertaken during 2014/15
- a review of compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits for 2014/15

Economic Update

5. The recovery in UK growth has been strong since quarter 2 2013 but continued encouraging news in respect of the UK has been dampened by recent International Money Fund forecasts of low and in some cases negative global growth. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) have reacted to this by indicating that there will be a cautious approach to any increase in the Bank Rate so as to protect growth in the UK. Financial markets have also reacted to this situation and have shifted their first increase from quarter 1 to quarter 2 2015 as have the Council's advisors Capita Assets Services.
6. CPI (Consumer Price Index) inflation has fallen sharply during 2014 reaching 1.2% by the end of September, the lowest rate since 2009 and forward indications are that it is likely to fall further in 2014 to possibly near to 1%.

Interest rate forecasts

7. The Council retains Capita Assets Services (formerly Sector Treasury Services) as treasury adviser and part of their service is to assist the Council to formulate a view on interest rates. Recent events have changed the sentiment in financial markets from investing in equities to investing in the safe haven of government bonds causing the bond prices to rise , yields to fall and a knock on reduction in Public Works Loan Board borrowing rates.. The table below gives Sector's central view on both short and long term rates. It should be noted that the figures included for PWLB incorporate the introduction of a ' certainty rate' in November 2012 which will reduce PWLB borrowing rates by 0.20% for most Local authorities.

	28.10.14 %	Dec14 %	Mar15 %	Jun15 %	Sep15 %	Dec15 %	Mar16 %	Jun16 %	Sep16 %	Dec16 %
Bank Rate	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.50
5yr PWLB rate	2.40	2.50	2.70	2.70	2.80	2.90	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.30
10 yr PWLB rate	3.05	3.20	3.40	3.50	3.60	3.70	3.80	3.90	4.00	4.10

25 yr PWL rate	3.75	3.90	4.00	4.10	4.30	4.40	4.50	4.60	4.70	4.70
50yr PWL rate	3.75	3.90	4.00	4.10	4.30	4.40	4.50	4.60	4.70	4.70

Goals and Objectives

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy update

8. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy was approved by this council on 10 February 2014 and there are no proposed policy changes to that report. The current treasury position is shown at Appendix A.

Capital position (Prudential Indicators)

- 9.. This part of the report is structured to update :

- the Councils capital expenditure plans;
- how these plans are being financed;
- the impact of changes in capital expenditure plans on the prudential indicators and the underlying need to borrow;
- compliance with the limits in place for borrowing activity.

10. Prudential Indicator for Capital Expenditure

This table shows the revised estimates for capital expenditure and the changes since the capital programme was agreed at budget. The increase in capital expenditure of £14.8m, due to rephasing and additional schemes will require approval by Executive and Full council

Capital Expenditure 2014/15	Original Indicator £'000	Revised Indicator £'000
General Fund	69,094	85,536
HRA	26,103	24,487
Total	95,197	110,023

11. Changes to the financing of the Capital Programme

The table below draws together the main strategy elements of the capital expenditure plans shown above and the expected financing arrangements of this capital expenditure. The borrowing element of the table increases the underlying indebtedness of the Council by way of the CFR although this will be reduced in part by revenue charges for the repayment of debt (Minimum Revenue Provision) .

Capital Expenditure 2014/15	Original Estimate £'000	Revised Estimate £'000
Total spend	95,197	110,023

Financed by:		
Capital Grants	44,849	57,250
Cap /Rev Reserves, RCCO. Cap Receipts	32,635	26,953
Total financing	77,484	84,203
Borrowing need	17,713	25,820

12. Prudential Indicators for the CFR , and the Operational Boundary.

This table shows the CFR, which is the underlying external need to incur borrowing for capital purpose. It also shows the expected debt position over the period which is termed the Operational Boundary. The increased CFR of £315.4 is due to re-phasing of capital expenditure related to borrowing will require approval by the Executive and Full council.

Prudential Indicators – 2014/15	Original Indicator £'000	Revised Indicator £'000
Capital Financing Requirement		
CFR - non HRA	188,594	204,166
CFR - HRA	116,258	111,296
Total CFR	304,852	315,462
Net movement in CFR		10,610
Operational Boundary		
Borrowing	336,228	336,228
Other Long Term Liabilities	23,599	23,599
Total Operational Boundary	359,827	359,827

13. Limits to Borrowing Activity.

The first key control over treasury activity is a prudential indicator to ensure that over the medium term, net borrowing (borrowings less investments) will only be for a capital purpose. Gross external borrowing should not, except in the short term, exceed total CFR in the preceding year plus estimates of any additional CFR for 2014/15 and the next two financial years..

Gross borrowing	2014/15 Original Estimate £'000	2014/15 Revised Estimate £'000
Borrowing	293,211	295,411
Other Long Term Liabilities	23,599	23,599
Gross Borrowing	316,810	319,010
CFR (including OLTL)	328,169	339,061

Authorised Limit for external debt	2014/15 Original Estimate £'000	2014/15 Revised Estimate £'000
Borrowing	346,228	346,228
Other Long Term Liabilities	23,599	23,599
Total	369,827	369,827

Investment Portfolio

14. In accordance with the Treasury Management Code of Practice, it is the Council's priority to ensure security of capital and liquidity and to obtain a level of return consistent with the Council's risk appetite.
15. The current investment counterparty criteria approved in the Annual Investment Strategy meets the requirements of the treasury management function. Treasury management advisors Arlingclose, though, who provide advice to a number of authorities have recommended their clients to suspend making any new investments with Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) despite their part government owned status. With this recommendation in mind the Head of Finance has stopped making any further investments with the RBS at this time. In recent years the added value to the council's return on investment has been derived from using both the part government owned banks, RBS and Lloyds, and so there will be added pressure on this year's overall performance with the loss of RBS.
16. The Council held £121.9m investments at 30 September 2014 representing a £5m decrease since the beginning of the financial year. This balance is expected to reduce considerably by the end of the financial year. The return for the first six months was 0.67% being 0.32% above the benchmark of 0.35%..
17. The Council's budgeted investment return for 2014/15 is £525k and the latest projected outturn figure for the financial year is £675k. This improved position reflects unexpected additional balances along with the considerable revenue and capital underspend for 2014/15
18. Investments were also made on behalf of both Schools and London Luton Airport Limited and the return on these investments is shown at Appendix A.
19. On no occasion during the first six months of 2014/15 have any approved limits within the Annual Investment Strategy been breached.
20. A full list of investments held at 30 September 2014 is shown at Appendix B.

Borrowing

21. The Council's capital financing requirement (CFR) 2014/15 is £315.4m, this figure denotes the Council's underlying need to borrow for capital purposes. If the CFR is positive the Council may borrow from PWLB or the Money Market (external borrowing) or from internal balances on a temporary basis (internal borrowing).
22. There was been no additional borrowing during the first half of the financial year, which is in line with the Council's strategy to use maturing investments to fund cash flow and it is not envisaged that any borrowing will be undertaken between now and the end of the financial year.
23. One Public Works Loan Board loan of £10.3m was repaid in May

Debt Rescheduling

24. Due to the current economic climate and consequent structure of interest rates no debt rescheduling was undertaken during the first half of the financial year.

Other issues

26. Subsequent to the period of this report the council borrowed £20m in October ,from the Public Works Loan Board, for HRA purposes to fund the Marsh Farm housing development..
Proposal
27. That Executive note the report.
Key Risks
28. Treasury Management is an area of significant risk. In relation to security and probity of investments all activity has been undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Council's treasury Management Practices (TMP's) which include a substantial section on risk, in order to manage and minimise , so far as possible , the risks involved.
Consultations
29. None
Appendices attached:
Appendix A & B
Background Papers:
None

IMPLICATIONS

For Executive reports

- grey boxes must be completed
- all statements must be cleared by an appropriate officer

For CLMT Reports

Clearance is not required

		Clearance – agreed by:
Legal	There are no legal implications in respect of this report.	Kemi Onakoya Principal Solicitor Property & Planning – 30.10.14
Finance	The financial implications are included in the body of the report'	David Kempson on 28.10.14
Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) – Key Points		
Equalities/ Cohesion/Inclusion (Social Justice)	The report has no direct or indirect equality, cohesion or inclusion implications except as far as it reports on investments and borrowings which may directly or indirectly have implications dependant upon how those investments are managed and how that borrowing is used	Mauren Drummond-Social Services Adviser – 29.10.14
Environment	The report has no direct or indirect environmental implications except as far as it reports on investments and borrowings which may directly or indirectly have implications dependant upon how those investments are managed and how that borrowing is used	Strategy & Sustainability Officer – 31.10.14
Health	The report has no direct health implications	Morag Stewart-Public Health – 29.10.14
Community Safety		
Staffing		
Other		

FOR EXECUTIVE ONLY - Options:

- a) Executive has the option to note the report, or:
- b) ask for further information

COUNCIL

DATE: 20th JANUARY 2015

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE - CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF POLICY AND PERFORMANCE)

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL

COMMUNITY SAFETY

EQUALITIES

ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL

CONSULTATIONS

STAFFING

OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of a proposed change of membership on the Development Control Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Council is recommended to approve the replacement of Councillor Amy O'Callaghan with Councillor Yaqub Hanif, on Development Control Committee, with immediate effect.

REPORT

3. Notification has been received from Councillor Amy O'Callaghan advising of her resignation from the Development Control Committee.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

4. In accordance with the wishes of the Political Group, it is proposed that Councillor O'Callaghan be replaced by Councillor Hanif, on Development Control Committee.
5. It is proposed that this change take place with immediate effect.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

6. There are no background papers relating to this report.