

Town & Parish Council Conference 20 January 2015



Welcome and Introduction

Cllr David Hopkin

Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Resources and

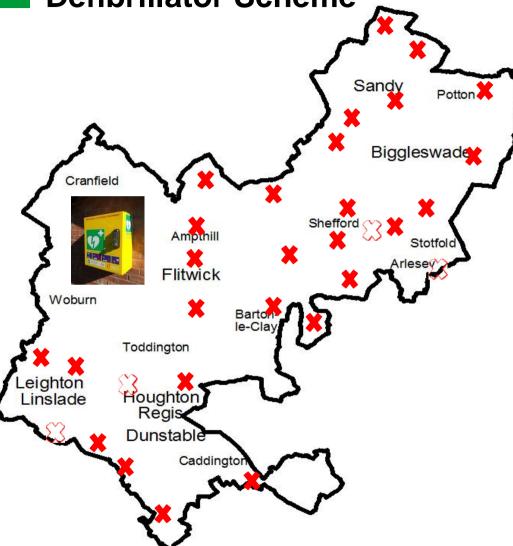
Lead Member for Localism

Agenda

- The Highways Contract
- Combined Parliamentary and Local Government Elections, 7 May 2015
- Dog Control Orders
- The Budget 2015
- Police & Crime Commissioner







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- 44 units
 distributed
 across Central
 Bedfordshire
- 31 Parishes took part in the scheme
- 179,000
 residents now
 have access to
 life saving
 equipment

Speed cameras

- 16 parish councils expressed an interest
- Working with 7 parish councils to install





Highways Contract Renewal

Paul Mason Head of Highways

The Managing Agent Contract (MAC) 2005-2016

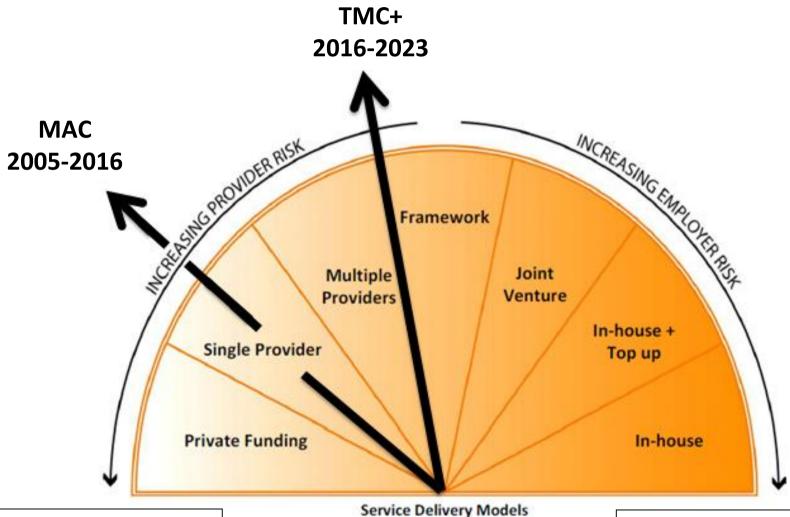
- Let by Bedfordshire County Council
- Single autonomous provider delivered all highways services
- The MAC ends on 31 March 2016
- Following consultation with potential contractors and other interested groups by officers, the Executive Committee of CBC authorised the new contract to be a Term Maintenance Contract Plus

Term Maintenance Contract Plus TMC+ 2016-2023

The new TMC+ contract will:

- Provide CBC greater control of its highway network
- •Enable more effective branding in line with CBC aspirations and residents requests to see a greater CBC presence
- Some highway client services are coming inhouse from the current provider

Moving from a MAC to a TMC+



Reducing CBC control of highways

Increasing CBC control

of highways

Planning for the Change

Between now and contract commencement we will:

- Consolidate current processes
- Optimise asset management approach
- Utilise industry standard HMEP documents
- This approach will aid future funding bids to Department for Transport

Planning for the Change

In readiness for the new contract:

- •CBC has re-organised its resources:
- Ann Rowland and her team have joined the delivery team
- Steve Bown has been appointed Team Leader Highways
- Paul Salmon has been appointed Team Leader Traffic Management
- Amey Area Teams are now managed by CBC
- •NRSWA Team will also transfer in the New Year

Planning for the Change

- For new faults or issues on the road network raise issues through the web portal on the CBC website so that they can be tracked, responded to in a timely manner and updated.
- The web portal is now mobile friendly

Highways Contract Renewal Key Milestones

Date	Activity				
15 December 2014 – 6 February 2015	Pre Qualification Questionnaire				
9-20 February 2015	PQQ Evaluation				
23 February – 1 May 2015	Invitation to Tender				
May-June 2015	Tender Evaluation				
June 2015	Overview and Scrutiny Committee				
August 2015	Executive Committee				
August 2015	Contract Award				
September 2015- March 2016	Mobilisation Period				
1 April 2016	Go Live				

Questions?



Combined Parliamentary and Local Government Elections 7 May 2015

Brian Dunleavy Democratic Services Manager

Hierarchal Structure

Returning Officer – High Sheriff of Bedfordshire

Acting Returning Officer – Richard Carr (Chief Executive)

Deputy Acting Returning Officer – Brian Dunleavy (Democratic Services Manager)

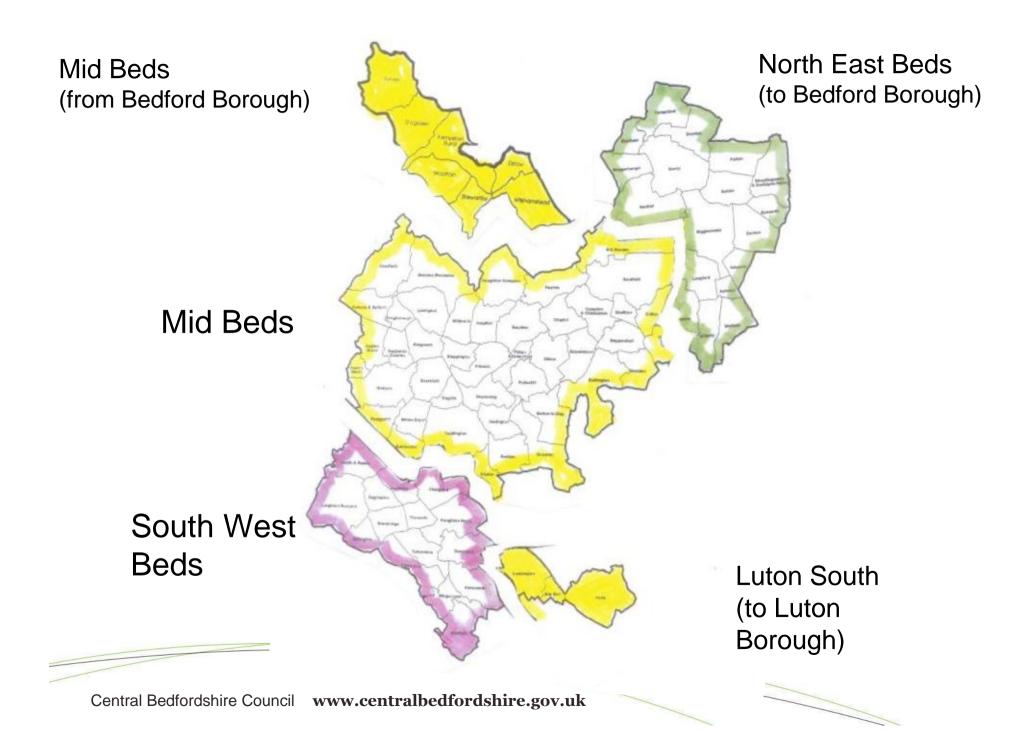
Parliamentary Constituencies within Central Bedfordshire

Mid Bedfordshire (inc: parishes of Turvey, Stagsden, Kempston Rural, Wootton, Elstow, Stewartby and Wilshamstead from Bedford Borough)

South West Bedfordshire

North East Bedfordshire (parishes of Tempsford, Blunham, Everton, Sandy, Moggerhanger, Potton, Northill, Sutton, Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley, Biggleswade, Eyeworth, Dunton, Edworth, Langford, Astwick, Arlesey, Henlow (part), Stotfold to Bedford Borough)

Luton South (parishes of Caddington, Hyde, and Slip End to Luton Borough)



Local Government Elections

31 Central Bedfordshire wards (9 x 3 member; 10 x 2 member and 12 x1 member)

710 Town & Parish seats from 71 Town & Parish Councils

- 2 ballot boxes (Parliamentary and Local Elections)
- Close of poll all boxes returned to relevant ARO

Ballot Papers: White (Parliamentary); Green (CBC); Lilac (Parishes); Salmon (Mayoral)

Anomalies

Parish of Henlow is warded: Village ward is in North East Bedfordshire Constituency but Henlow Camp ward is in Mid Bedfordshire Constituency

CBC ward of Northill: Parishes of Moggerhanger & Northill are in North East Bedfordshire Constituency but parishes of Old Warden and Southill are in Mid Bedfordshire Constituency

CBC ward of Arlesey: Parishes of Clifton, Henlow (part) in Mid Bedfordshire Constituency but parishes of Arlesey and Henlow (part) in North East Bedfordshire Constituency

CBC ward of Caddington: Parishes of Kensworth, Whipsnade and Studham in South West Bedfordshire Constituency but parishes of Caddington, Hyde and Slip End in Luton South Constituency

Key Dates

Notice of election brought forward from 30 March to Monday 16 March

Poll Card Delivery (3-6 April - Easter Weekend)

Nomination papers (hand delivered) from 17 March until 4pm Thursday 9 April

Close of withdrawals – 4pm Thursday 9 April

Statement of Persons Nominated – 4 pm Friday 10 April

Last day for registration – Monday 20 April

Postal Votes

1st issue: Tuesday 14th April (Electors registered by 31 March)

2nd issue: Friday 17th April (Electors registered after 31 March)

1st opening: Saturday 18th April and daily thereafter

Final issue: Friday 24th April

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

BALLOT PAPER ENVELOPE

BALLOT PAPER No. 12345 & 1

BALLOT PAPER(S) ONLY to be enclosed in this envelope.

This sealed envelope, together with the fully completed Postal Voting Statement, must be placed in Envelope B addressed to the Returning Officer, Sciprint Borough Council.

SCIPRINT WARD PARISH OF SCIPRINT



Postal voting statement

Election to Sciprint Borough Council Sciprint Ward Parish of Sciprint

Date of election Thursday 7 May 2015

Important - you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper(s) for it to be counted.

Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen.

Name: Sammy Davis Jnr.

Ballot Paper number: 12345 & 1

(!) Check that the number(s) on the back of your ballot paper(s) match the number(s) shown above. If these do not match, call us immediately on 01506 676884.

9 My Date of Birth is: Month Year Day My Signature is: (you must sign inside the box)

We will check this information against our records for security.

It is an offence to vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper. It is an offence to vote more than once (unless you are appointed as a proxy) at the same election.

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Verification and Count

Verification of all ballot boxes (including Town & Parish Councils) on Thursday night
Count for Town & Parish Councils will not start before 3 pm on Friday afternoon and will run into the evening with a likely finish by 9pm

Count

Block Vote & Tick Sheet

1	BARRY	-Mbd-		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Ken Barry	4/40 5	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	97 Bideford Green, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2TJ	- 1	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
		Green Party	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
	Green Party	or con ran cy	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
2	FREEMAN		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	- 8	9	10
	Mark Freeman	00	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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	Liberal Democrat		81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
4	HOPKIN			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	David John Hopkin	See.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	36 Southcutt Village, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard,	Salate.	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
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	The Paddocks, Springfield Rd, Wellhead, Dunstable,	apr.	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
	Beds, LU6 2JT	Conservatives	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
	The Conservative Party Candidate		81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
6	PALFREY (7.63)	3	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	Peter William Palfrey	17.5	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	6 Mowbray Drive, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.		41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
	LU7 2PH		61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
	The Labour Party Candidate	Labour	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90

Costs

We have 178 polling stations manned with over 400 staff; 110 people to deliver the poll cards. The issue and return of 30,000+ postal votes requires 120 staff and the verification/count overnight and through the following day and evening will involve 250 staff over the three sessions. The total costs of the whole event will amount to approximately £400,000 and will be shared between Central Government, CBC and yourselves

Detailed breakdown

	Steppingley	Stondon	Sutton
Returning Officer @ £0.0475p per elector	£9.17	£85.93	£11.35
Presiding Officer (£250 each ÷ 1/2 share)	£83.33	£83.33	£83.33
Poll Clerks (£150 each ÷ 1/2 share)	£50.00	£100.00	£50.00
Visiting Officers % share = £722.18 ÷ 104883 parish electorate = £0.007p per elector	£1.35	£12.66	£1.67
Presiding Officer (Travel) (Actual ÷ 3)	£2.13	£5.60	£2.67
Poll Clerks (Travel) (Actual ÷ 3)	£0.93	£6.67	£2.67
Training (£30 each ÷ 3)	£20.00	£30.00	£20.00
Training (Travel) (Actual ÷ 3)	£1.33	£8.13	£5.07
Polling Station Hire (Actual ÷ 3)	£40.00	£40.00	£25.00
Delivery and Collection of Polling Booths (Cost £7920 ÷ 151 locations = £52.45 per location ÷ 3)	£17.48	£17.48	£17.48
Preparation and transport costs for polling stn equipment (Cost £8559.40 ÷ 452 elections = £18.94 per stn)	£18.94	£18.94	£18.94
Equipment for Polling Stations (Cost £11714.96 ÷ 452 elections = £25.92 per stn)	£25.92	£25.92	£25.92
Printing of Ballot Papers (Actual)	£117.60	£237.60	117.60
Preparation & Issue of Postal Votes (Cost £12003.18 ÷ 77455 pv issued = £0.155p each)	£4.03	£55.18	£4.96
Preparation & Opening of Postal Votes (Cost £22611.56 ÷ 54096 pv returned = £0.418p each)	£6.69	£89.87	£7.94
Postal Vote Training % share = £181.49 ÷ 16130 postal votes = £0.011p per elector	£0.29	£3.92	£0.35
Printing & Stationery Costs for Postal Votes £7660.46 ÷ 16130 = £0.475p each	£12.35	£169.10	£15.20
Postal Vote Postage (Outward) (Actual @42p each)	£10.92	£149.52	£13.44

Questions?



Dog Control Orders

Steve Barrett
Community Safety Operations Manager

Fouling of Land by Dogs (Central Bedfordshire) Order 2014

- Makes it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to remove dog foul
- Applies to any land that is open to the air and to which the public are entitled to have access whether on payment or otherwise
- Maximum £1000 fine on conviction or £80 Fixed Penalty Notice
- Provides exemptions for those with assistance dogs

The Dogs on Leads (Central Bedfordshire) Order 2014

- Makes it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to ensure it is on a lead of no more than 2 metres
- Applies to the following types of land:
 - designated carriageways (A and B roads) and adjoining verges and pathways
 - cemeteries, gardens of remembrance, and burial grounds
 - marked sports pitches
 - car parks and sensitive areas of some country parks

The Dogs on Leads by direction (Central Bedfordshire) Order 2014

- Makes it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to put that dog on a lead, and keep it on a lead, by direction of an authorised Council officer, dog warden, site manager or park ranger
- Applies to any land that is open to the air and to which the public are entitled to have access whether on payment or otherwise
- Enables an officer to respond to a situation where a dog is not under proper control and is causing a nuisance to others

The Dogs Exclusion (Central Bedfordshire) Order 2014

- Makes it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to permit the dog to enter or remain in an exclusion area
- Applies to the following types of land:
 - children's enclosed play areas
 - enclosed multi-use games areas

Dog Control Orders – implementation plan

- Signage requirements working with Town and Parish councils
- Training accredited officers:
 - CBC Council officers Rights of Way and Countryside Access
 - Greensand Trust rangers
 - National Trust officers
 - Forest of Marston Vale officers
 - Dog Wardens
 - Town Council ground staff
- Update of Council website



Comfort break



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The Budget 2015

Cllr Maurice Jones
Deputy Leader of the Council

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Budget 2015

Three areas of spending:

- Revenue Budget
- Capital Programme
- Housing Revenue Account

Context for revenue budget setting 2015/16

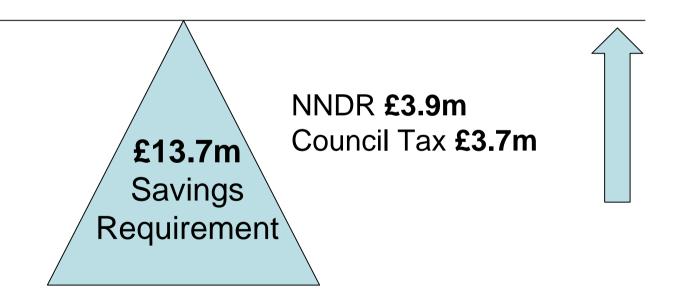
- National cuts in public spending 8% grant reduction
- Demands on services ageing population; vulnerable children
- National legislation and policy Care Act; NNDR
- New homes New Homes Bonus; Council Tax base
- Residents' feedback council tax; local priorities

Balancing the budget for 2015/16

Inflation £2.6m

Pressures £11.6m

Revenue Support Grant £7.1m





Public feedback on council spending

Approx 2,500 residents gave their feedback

- 1,286 responses to survey on council tax, local priorities and savings options
- •1,211 from representative sample of residents surveyed by telephone



Residents survey – top lines

- Most people love living here although where you live matters
- The majority of residents now agree we provide VfM
- Most would prefer for council tax to remain the same
- •Fewer residents said they could influence decision making in their area than said they could not.

Key community issues for residents

What makes a good place?

Clean streets
The level of crime and ASB
Country parks and open spaces
Shopping
Education
Road and pavement repairs
Sports and leisure facilities

What needs improvement?

Road and pavement repairs
The level of crime and ASB
Shopping
Public transport
Sports and leisure facilities
Clean streets

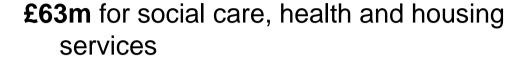


Our plans to respond to these issues

- Value for Money freezing council tax & delivering efficiencies
- Enhancing Central Bedfordshire creating jobs, managing growth, protecting our countryside and keeping communities safe
- Better infrastructure improved roads, broadband reach and transport
- Great universal services quality services maintained
- Promote health and well being and protect the vulnerable
- Improve academic and employment results for young people

Revenue budget investments - 2015/16







£44m for services to children including supporting their education and protecting them from harm



£34m for community services – roads, transport, refuse collection and leisure



£7m on planning and business support services

£10m on Public Health

Capital Programme Investments

2015/6: £113m Gross (£50m net)

2015/16 – 2018/19: £357m Gross (£188m net)

Major Projects: 2015/16 - 2018/19

New School Places £106.8m (£39.5m)

Dualling the A421 £23.56m (externally funded)

Thorn Turn Waste Park £11.6m (Gross and net)

HWRC redevelopment £5.9m (Gross and net)

Dunstable Library & £14.1m (£13.1m net)

Leisure Centre

Flitwick Leisure Centre £8.7m (£4.9m net)

Woodside Link £23.9 (£3.9m net)

New services, facilities and infrastructure to improve the area

Housing Investments

Major projects

Sheltered Housing Reprovision

Mixed tenure Independent Living & £30m (£26m)

Regeneration scheme Houghton Regis

Garage site assembly & development

Croft Green Sheltered Housing renewal

Sheltered Housing refurbishment

Priory View Independent Living

New Homes, North Central Bedfordshire

£4.1m

£30m (£26m)

£5.5m

£4.1m

£5.5m

£4.1m

£1.3m

£1.3m

£5m (£4.1m)

Balanced programme of investment for existing tenants and the whole area

Staffing and administration savings:



Making our back office functions more efficient

Reducing the use of temporary staff

Reduced administrative functions

Operational savings:



- Improved procurement
- More effective use of technology reducing costs on printing and training



Service delivery savings:



Tailoring our library services for people who are housebound so they are protected by more cost efficient delivery

Increasing electronic and telephone bus information to cut printing costs



Income related savings:



•Generating income by trading services

Budget 2015/16 - Headlines

Our proposed budget, informed by public feedback, will:

- Freeze our element of Council Tax
- Protect services for the public
- Demand increased efficiency to deliver savings
- Invest in a range of services, housing and capital schemes



Your Feedback

Do you have any comments or questions about the proposals in respect of council tax, savings and investments in response to feedback from residents?

What happens next?

20 – 27 January - Overview and Scrutiny Committees

3 February – Public consultation closes

10 February — Executive recommends final budget

26 February - Council approves budget

How to have your say

Consultation is open until 3 February.

To see the draft budget and have your say go to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/budget2015

Questions?



Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Olly Martins

A 15.8% rise in the police element of your council tax averages to 48p extra per week per household. This increase would be used to recruit 100 additional police constables.





Closing remarks



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