

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 27 February 2017 commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the items of business below

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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 Extraordinary meeting of Sandy Town Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 13 February 2017 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 30 January 2017 and 20 February 2017.
- ii) Community Services and Environment Committee held on 30 January 2017.
- iii) Policy, Finance and Resource Committee held on 13 February 2017.

The committee Resolved to Recommend that the Council carry out the following changes to the Council's car park to support the Kings Road Surgery in its relocation to Shannon Court.

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that a disabled bay be converted into an emergency vehicle (ambulance) bay.

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the current row of 3 disabled bays and 6 standards bays is converted into 1 ambulance bay, 4 disabled bays and 2 reserved doctor's spaces.

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the cost of the work be shared 50/50 between the surgery and the Town Council.

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the Council approve the Cross Hatch marking on the condition that the applicant cover the cost the work.

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND the approval of cross hatching and 'Keep Clear' markings be painted in the area outside Ivel Funeral Services side entrance, subject to the applicant paying for the work to be carried out and that the area will not be used by the business to park vehicles.

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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 13 February 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 13 February 2017).

7 Reports from Central Bedfordshire Councillors

To receive reports from Sandy's Central Bedfordshire Councillors. Members have received a copy of CBC Council's notes for Town and Parish Councillors in advance of the meeting.

8 Proposed Changes to School Tiers in Sandy

To hear from Central Bedfordshire Council's Interim Head of School Organisation, Admissions & Capital Planning Mr Victor Wan on changes to school tiers in Sandy.

9 Publication of Statutory Notices – Robert Peel, St Swithuns & John Donne Lower Schools

To receive details of a statutory consultation regarding the 'proposed enlargement of the premises of the school' for;

- i) St Swithuns VC Lower School, Sandy Appendix I
- ii) Robert Peel Lower School, Sandy Appendix II
- iii) John Donne C of E Lower School, Blunham Appendix III

10 Central Bedfordshire Council Overview and Scrutiny Consultation

To receive a consultation questionnaire on discussion topics for Central Bedfordshire Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the 2017/18 financial year. Appendix IV

11 Action List

To receive any updates and note the Action List. Appendix V

12 Proposed New Licenced Premises on Sandy High Street

To receive guidelines from the Town Clerk on change of use and licencing applications and consider submitting comments on the application to the relevant bodies. Appendix VI

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- 13 Crime Statistics January 2017**
To receive crime statistics from Central Bedfordshire Council for January 2017. Appendix VII
- 14 Harris's Fun Fair**
To consider and approve request to hold a fun fair on The Pinnacle Field from 20th to 23rd April 2017.
- 15 Risk Assessment Review**
To review and approve the Council's Risk Assessment. Approved by the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee on 9th January 2017. Appendix VIII
- 16 Reports from representatives on outside bodies**
To receive reports from Council representatives on outside bodies/organisations.
- i) Sandy Twinning Association – Report from Cllr M Pettitt. Appendix IX
 - ii) Healthwatch Meeting – Report from Cllr P Blaine Appendix X
 - iii) Sandy Carnival Committee – Report from Cllr T Cole Appendix XI
 - iv) Report from a meeting with A Burt on 10th February 2017 Appendix XII (To follow)
- 17 Proposed Town Councillors Surgery**
To note and agree a proposed Councillor surgery and display by the Sandy Historical Research Group on Saturday 23rd September 2017.
- 18 News Releases**
- 19 Chairman's Items**
- 20 Date of Next Meeting: 10 April 2017**

AGENDA ITEM 9

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 27 February 2017

AUTHOR: Town Clerk

SUBJECT: **Proposal to enlarge the premises of St Swithun's Voluntary Controlled Lower School, Sandy to provide additional accommodation**

The following information is a direct copy from Central Bedfordshire Council's consultation information on the above matter and has been taken from Central Bedfordshire Council's website.

1. Description of proposed alteration

- 1.1 The governing body of St. Swithun's VC Lower School proposes to enlarge the premises of the school in order to provide additional accommodation, following the schools determination to change from a lower to a primary school.
- 1.2 The governing body intend to build a new learning area to help accommodate year 6 children from September 2018. For this prescribed enlargement of the school premises the Department for Education (DfE) requires the local authority to carry out a statutory consultation. The proposed enlargement is subject to planning permission and to any permission required from the DfE for the 'change of use for playing field land'.

2. Evidence of demand for proposed alteration versus need, including results of preliminary consultation

- 2.1 The governing body of St. Swithun's VC Lower School carried out a non-statutory consultation regarding the proposed change of age range from lower to primary, i.e. from age 3 (nursery) to age 9 (year 4) to age 3 (nursery) to age 11 (year 6). For a proposed change of age range for a voluntary controlled school, the school does not require our permission, nor are we required to undertake a consultation for the proposed change. The governing body is able to propose, consult and then determine the proposal, with us acting only in the capacity of a consultee.
- 2.2 The governing body's consultation ran from 12 October to 23 November 2016. Consultees invited to provide feedback included school governors, staff, and parents/carers, the local town council, other schools and academies within Central Bedfordshire and our ward members.
- 2.3 Responses to the consultation confirmed that 68% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal.

2.4 After careful consideration of the issues raised during the consultation, both in writing and verbally at the stakeholder meetings, the Governing Body of St. Swithun's VC Lower School unanimously agreed to proceed with an age range change to become a single phase primary age 3 to 11 year old provision for 2017-18. With the first phase being the extension of the upper age range by one year to take Year 5 in September 2017 followed by Year 6 in September 2018.

3. Objectives - including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice

3.1 Within its consultation document for the proposed change of age range from lower to primary school, the governing body summarised what it believed to be the benefits of the proposal:

- to provide for continuation of the curriculum, whereby each phase of education (infant, junior and secondary) teaches at least one, if not two, full key stages and are mutually able to support progress by reducing the number of transition points, with the intention of improving student attainment and progress across all phases
- to engage in greater collaborative working between and among phases with a view to enhancing the sharing of specialist provision
- to sustain high standards of education and maintain the nurture and well-being of children by offering them only the minimum change of schools, thereby ensuring sustained progress in all areas
- to ensure that all of the schools involved in the proposal work positively as partners to ensure a high quality of localised educational provision, with full agreement of each school's governing body
- to ensure that all of the schools involved in the proposal offer children and young people a broad, balanced and cohesive curriculum that meets the needs of all
- to offer all children and young people an exciting and innovative curriculum provision that meets their needs and supports them in achieving their full potential
- to allow us to track and monitor pupil progress and attainment throughout Early Years, Key Stage 1 and 2 within the same school, building improved accountability for pupil progress within all areas and bringing the school in line with the prevailing system of education across the majority of the UK
- to offer children a further 2 years within a primary model of teaching and learning before moving to a secondary model – meaning fewer daily changes of teacher and environment. This will give pupils time to mature and become 'Secondary Ready' in line with the National Curriculum expectation at the end of Year 6
- to drive up standards at the end of Key Stage 2
- to improve parental choice with regard to the variety of options and opportunities that are being offered within the community
- to preserve choice with respect to a Church School or non-Church School preference
- to build upon our strong bond with the local Church community

- to support disadvantaged children in meeting their potential and enhancing their outcomes
- 3.2 In order to accommodate the additional year 6 classes from September 2018, and thereby help provide the benefits listed, the governing body intend to build a new learning area.
- 4. The effect on other schools, academies and education institutions in the area**
- 4.1 Consultations were also carried out during October/ November 2016 regarding a proposed change from lower to primary for the following schools:
- Everton Lower School
 - John Donne C of E Lower School
 - Moggerhanger Lower School
 - Robert Peel Lower School
- 4.2 Sandy Upper School consulted on a proposal to change from 13-18 years to 11-19 years, in order to create a full secondary provision. And 3 further schools consulted on a proposal to join together to become a multi academy trust: Laburnum Lower School, Maple Tree Lower School and Sandye Place Academy (middle).
- 4.3 Following the closure of the consultations and consideration of the responses received:
- the governing bodies of John Donne C of E Lower, and Robert Peel Lower Schools determined to change from lower to primary from September 2017
 - the governing body of Moggerhanger Lower School determined to change from lower to primary from September 2018
 - the governing body of Sandy Upper School determined to change from upper to secondary from September 2018
 - the governing bodies of Laburnum Lower School, Maple Tree Lower School and Sandye Place Academy determined to place their proposal on hold and to take all of the comments received during the consultation on board to inform their next step
 - on 21 March 2017 we will determine a change of age range for Everton Lower School, from September 2017
- 4.4 Of the lower schools that have determined to change their age range, Robert Peel Foundation and John Donne C of E are also required to provide new additional accommodation for year 6 in September 2018. Statutory consultations are therefore also being carried out by us for the prescribed enlargement of Robert Peel Foundation and John Donne C of E lower schools, as required by the DfE.
- 4.5 Now that the proposed age range changes have been determined, the proposed expansion of the schools will have minimal effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area.

5. Project costs and indication of how these will be met

- 5.1 The day to day running costs of school provision are met through revenue funding which is made available to each school as part of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and is based primarily on the numbers of pupils attending each school. This increases accordingly within an expanded school and would fund the additional teacher and resources that would be required for the additional children within the expanded school buildings.
- 5.2 Funding required for the new learning area will need to be sourced/ provided by the governing body.

6. Related proposals

- 6.1 As detailed above, other schools within the Sandy area have consulted on and subsequently determined to change their age range. Two other lower schools, Robert Peel Foundation and John Donne C of E, are required to expand their accommodation from September 2018 for year 6 children.

7. Education standards and diversity of provision

- 7.1 The new learning area will help provide the accommodation required for year 6 children to remain at St. Swithun's VC Lower School, which is an Ofsted 'Good' school (April 2012). The governing body believes that the change from lower to primary will provide stability and a continuity of learning, and reflect the changing face of schooling in Sandy, the surrounding rural areas and the immediate locality.
- 7.2 Although a number of schools within the Sandy area have determined to change their age range, there are a number of schools that are retaining their current age range; this allows parents to make a choice regarding the learning pathway for their child.

8. School size

- 8.1. The change of age range from lower to primary will increase the capacity of St. Swithun's VC Lower School from 150 to 210. The new learning area will help the school to accommodate the additional children from September 2018.

9. Proposed admission arrangements

- 9.1 St. Swithun's VC Lower School has a published admission number of 30 and even though a change of age range has been determined there are no plans to change this or the admission arrangements for 2017/18. Pupils would have the opportunity to continue into year 5 and year 6 or transfer to middle schools. The admission arrangements are published on the school's website and include the criteria that will be used to determine how places are allocated if there are more applications for places than the number of places available.

10. National curriculum

- 10.1 St. Swithun's VC Lower School follows and will continue to follow the National Curriculum 2014 for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

11. Equal opportunity issues

- 11.1 The governing body of St. Swithun's VC Lower School will continue to meet its proactive public sector equality duty (PSED) which requires them to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.
- 11.2 The proposed expansion would have no affect on any sex, race or disability discrimination issues.
- 11.3 The school would continue to be committed to providing their pupils access to a range of opportunities which reflect the ethnic and cultural mix of the area, ensuring that all such opportunities are open to all.

12. Community cohesion

- 12.3 St. Swithun's VC Lower School is predominantly white British and therefore ensures that there is a multi-cultural element running throughout the curriculum to provide the children with the opportunity to learn about children from different backgrounds. An understanding of, and respect for, different cultures, faiths and communities is encouraged through both teaching and class trips.

13. Travel and accessibility

- 13.1 St. Swithun's VC Lower School will be encouraged to revisit the school's travel plan in order to minimise the effect an increased number of pupils will have upon parking etc. within the local area.

14. School premises and playing fields

- 14.1 The new learning area will not be built on the school playing fields.

15. Proposed stages for implementation

- 15.1 The new learning area is needed for September 2018 when year 5 children move up and become year 6.

Proposal to enlarge the premises of St Swithun's Voluntary Controlled Lower School, Sandy to provide additional accommodation



Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers 'Making prescribed alterations to maintained schools, April 2016' that Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds SG17 5TQ intends to make a prescribed alteration to the St Swithun's Voluntary Controlled Lower School, Ivel Road, Sandy, Beds SG19 1AX from 1 September 2018.

The proposal is to enlarge the premises of St Swithuns Voluntary Controlled Lower School by building a new learning area to help accommodate year 6 children.

The school is to convert from a lower school, for ages 3 (nursery) to 9 (year 4), to a primary school, for ages 3 (nursery) to 11 (year 6) from 1 September 2017.

The current admission number for St Swithuns Voluntary Controlled Lower School is 30. The admission number will remain at 30 following the school's conversion to primary status and enlargement.

The current capacity of the school is 150 plus nursery aged children. Following conversion to primary status the capacity of the school will be 210 plus nursery aged children. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 180.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: The Information Manager, Central Bedfordshire Council, Room DC2, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, Beds LU6 1LF. It can also be viewed on the Council's website at

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/overview.aspx>

Within 4 weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by using the on-line response facility available on the website <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/overview.aspx> or by sending them to the Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds SG17 5TQ.

Signed: Sue Harrison

Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council

Publication Date: 9 February 2017

Explanatory notes:

In December 2016 the Governing Body of St Swithun's Voluntary Controlled Lower School agreed to extend the age range of the school from 3 to 9 years (nursery to year 4) to 3 to 11 years (nursery to year 6) with effect from September 2017.

This is to be implemented in 2 stages: year 4 children will have the opportunity to move up into year 5 in September 2017 and then into year 6 in September 2018.

The school requires additional accommodation from September 2018 for the children moving up into year 6.

AGENDA ITEM 9**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL****DATE:** 27 February 2017**AUTHOR:** Town Clerk**SUBJECT:** Proposal to enlarge the premises of Robert Peel Foundation Lower School, Sandy to provide additional accommodation

The following information is a direct copy from Central Bedfordshire Council's consultation information on the above matter and has been taken from Central Bedfordshire Council's website.

1. Description of proposed alteration

- 1.1 The governing body of Robert Peel Foundation Lower School proposes to enlarge the premises of the school in order to provide additional accommodation, following the schools determination to change from a lower to a primary school.
- 1.2 The governing body intends to build two additional classrooms to help accommodate year 6 children from September 2018. For this prescribed enlargement of the school premises the Department for Education (DfE) requires the local authority to carry out a statutory consultation. The proposed enlargement is subject to planning permission and to any permission required from the DfE for the 'change of use for playing field land'.

2. Evidence of demand for proposed alteration versus need, including results of preliminary consultation

- 2.1 The governing body of Robert Peel Foundation Lower School carried out a non-statutory consultation regarding the proposed change of age range from lower to primary, i.e. from age 3 (nursery) to age 9 (year 4) to age 3 (nursery) to age 11 (year 6). For a proposed change of age range for a foundation school, the school does not require the permission of the local authority, nor is the local authority required to undertake a consultation for the proposed change. The governing body is able to propose, consult and then determine the proposal, with us acting only in the capacity of a consultee.
- 2.2 The governing body's consultation ran from 12 October to 23 November 2016. This included meetings for stakeholders; 1 held at the school and 1 held at Sandy Upper at which representatives were present from all of the 6 schools that were proposing a change of age range within the area. Consultees invited to provide feedback included school governors, staff, and parents/carers, the local parish council, other schools and academies within Central Bedfordshire and our ward members.

- 2.3 Responses to the consultation confirmed that 70% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal.
- 2.4 After careful consideration of the issues raised during the consultation, both in writing and verbally at the stakeholder meetings, the governing body of Robert Peel Lower School unanimously agreed to proceed with an age range change to become a single phase primary age 3 to 11 year old provision for 2017-18. With the first phase being the extension of upper age range by one year to take year 5 in September 2017 followed by year 6 in September 2018.

3. Objectives - including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice

- 3.1 Within its consultation document for the proposed change of age range from lower to primary school, the governing body summarised what it believed to be the benefits of the proposal:
- To provide for continuation of the curriculum, whereby we can ensure continuity within Key Stage 2 fully without having to consider the interruption of transition at the end of Year 4
 - Each phase of education (infant, junior and secondary) is taught fully by a school therefore supporting the level of progress children make by reducing the number of transition points, with the intention of improving children's attainment and progress across all phases
 - To engage in greater collaborative working between and among phases with a view to enhancing the sharing of specialist provision
 - To sustain high standards of education and maintain the nurture and well-being of children by offering them only the minimum change of schools, thereby ensuring sustained progress in all areas
 - To ensure that all of the schools involved in the proposal work positively as partners to ensure a high quality of localised educational provision, with full agreement of each school's governing body
 - To ensure that all of the schools involved in the proposal offer children and young people a broad, balanced and cohesive curriculum that meets the needs of all
 - To offer all children and young people an exciting and innovative curriculum provision that meets their needs and supports them in achieving their full potential
 - To ensure there are no gaps in the children's learning by teaching complete Key Stages
 - To allow us to track and monitor pupil progress and attainment throughout Early Years, Key Stage 1 and 2 within the same school, building improved accountability for pupil progress within all areas and bringing the school in line with the prevailing system of education across the majority of the UK
 - To map the progress of curriculum subjects all the way to Year 6 ensuring foundations built lower down in the school are carried through, allowing all children to continue to work in an environment that completes their entire Primary Education in one setting
 - To offer children a further 2 years within a primary model of teaching and learning before moving to a secondary model – meaning fewer daily changes

of teacher and environment. This will give pupils time to mature and become 'Secondary Ready' in line with the National Curriculum expectation at the end of Year 6

- To drive up standards at the end of Key Stage 2
- To nurture our children and help them work together towards their aspirations in an environment they are familiar with
- To improve parental choice with regard to the variety of options and opportunities that are being offered within the community
- To support disadvantaged children in meeting their potential and enhancing their outcomes
- To drive up standards in Central Bedfordshire and meet the local area vision
- To aid teacher recruitment and retention as fewer and fewer local authorities have three tiers and teachers are trained for a two tier system

3.2 In order to help accommodate the additional year 6 classes from September 2018, and thereby help provide the benefits listed, the governing body intend to build two classrooms.

4. **The effect on other schools, academies and education institutions in the area**

4.1 Other lower schools within the Sandy area also consulted, during October/ November 2016, on a proposal to change to primary school:

- Everton Lower School
- John Donne C of E Lower School
- Moggerhanger Lower School
- St. Swithun's VC Lower School

4.2 Sandy Upper School consulted on a proposal to change from 13-18 years to 11-19 years, in order to create a full secondary provision. And 3 further schools consulted on a proposal to join together to become a multi academy trust: Laburnum Lower School, Maple Tree Lower School and Sandye Place Academy (middle).

4.3 Following the closure of the consultations and consideration of the responses received:

- the governing bodies of John Donne C of E Lower and St Swithuns VC Lower determined to change from lower to primary from September 2017
- the governing body of Moggerhanger Lower determined to change from lower to primary from September 2018
- the governing body of Sandy Upper school determined to change age range from upper to secondary from September 2018
- the governing bodies of Laburnum Lower School, Maple Tree Lower School and Sandye Place Academy determined to place their proposal on hold and to take all of the comments received during the consultation on board to inform the next step.
- on 21 March 2017 we will determine a change of age range for Everton Lower School, from September 2017

4.4 Of the lower schools that have determined to change their age range, 3 are required to provide new additional accommodation for year 6 in September 2018. Statutory consultations are therefore also being carried out by us for the prescribed enlargement of St. Swithun's VC and John Donne C of E, as required by the DfE.

4.5 Now that the proposed age range changes have been determined, the proposed expansion of the schools will have minimal effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area.

5. Project costs and indication of how these will be met

5.1 The day to day running costs of school provision is met through revenue funding which is made available to each school as part of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and is based primarily on the numbers of pupils attending each school. This increases accordingly within an expanded school and would fund the additional teacher and resources that would be required for the additional children within the expanded school buildings. Funding required for the additional classrooms will need to be sourced/ provided by the governing body.

6. Related proposals

6.1 As detailed above, other schools within the Sandy area have consulted on and subsequently determined to change their age range. Two other lower schools, St. Swithun's VC and John Donne C of E, are required to expand their accommodation from September 2018 for year 6 children.

7. Education standards and diversity of provision

7.1 The new classrooms will help to provide the additional accommodation required for year 6 children to remain at Robert Peel Foundation Lower School, which is an Ofsted 'Good' school (February 2016). The governing body believes that the change from lower to primary will provide stability and a continuity of learning, and reflect the changing face of schooling in Sandy, the surrounding rural areas and the immediate locality.

7.2 Although a number of schools within the Sandy area have determined to change their age range, there are a number of schools that are retaining their current age range at present; this allows parents to make a choice regarding the learning pathway for their child.

8. School size

8.1 The change of age range from lower to primary will increase the capacity of Robert Peel Foundation Lower School from 300 to 420. The new build will help the school to accommodate the additional children from September 2018.

9. Proposed admission arrangements

- 9.1 Robert Peel Foundation Lower School has a published admission number of 60 and even though a change of age range has been determined there are no plans to change this or the admission arrangements for 2017/18. Pupils would have the opportunity to continue into year 5 and year 6 or transfer to middle schools. The admission arrangements are published on the school's website and include the criteria that will be used to determine how places are allocated if there are more applications for places than the number of places available.

10 National curriculum

- 10.1 Robert Peel Foundation Lower School follows and will continue to follow the National Curriculum 2014 for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

11. Equal opportunity issues

- 11.1 The governing body of Robert Peel Foundation Lower School will continue to meet their proactive public sector equality duty (PSED) which requires them to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.
- 11.2 The proposed expansion would have no affect on any sex, race or disability discrimination issues. The school would continue to be committed to providing their pupils access to a range of opportunities which reflect the ethnic and cultural mix of the area, ensuring that all such opportunities are open to all.
- 11.3 The proposed expansion would have no affect on any sex, race or disability discrimination issues. The school would continue to be committed to providing their pupils access to a range of opportunities which reflect the ethnic and cultural mix of the area, ensuring that all such opportunities are open to all.

12. Community cohesion

- 12.1 Robert Peel Foundation Lower School is predominantly white British and therefore ensures that there is a multi-cultural element running throughout the curriculum to provide the children with the opportunity to learn about children from different backgrounds. An understanding of, and respect for, different cultures, faiths and communities is encouraged through both teaching and class trips.

13. Travel and accessibility

- 13.1 Robert Peel Foundation Lower School will be encouraged to revisit the school's travel plan in order to develop minimise the effect an increased number of pupils will have upon parking etc. within the local area.

14. School premises and playing fields

- 14.1 The new classrooms will not be built on the school playing fields.

15. Proposed stages for implementation

- 15.1 The 2 new classrooms are needed for September 2018 when year 5 children move up and become year 6.

Proposal to enlarge the premises of Robert Peel Foundation Lower School, Sandy to provide additional accommodation



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The proposal is to enlarge the premises of Robert Peel Foundation Lower School by 2 classrooms to help to accommodate year 6 children.

The school is to convert from a lower school, for ages 3 (nursery) to 9 (year 4), to a primary school, for ages 3 (nursery) to 11 (year 6) from 1 September 2017.

The current admission number for Robert Peel Foundation Lower School is 60. The admission number will remain at 60 following the school's conversion to primary status.

The current capacity of the school is 300 plus nursery aged children. Following conversion to primary status the capacity of the school will be 420 plus nursery aged children. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 240 children plus 58 Nursery age children.

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<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/overview.aspx>

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by using the on-line response facility available on the website or by sending them to the Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds, SG17 5TQ.

Signed: Sue Harrison

Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council

Publication Date: 9 February 2017

Explanatory notes:

In December 2016 the Governing Body of Robert Peel Foundation Lower School agreed to extend the age range of the school from 3 to 9 years (nursery to year 4) to 3 to 11 years (nursery to year 6) with effect from September 2017.

This is to be implemented in 2 stages: year 4 children will have the opportunity to move up into year 5 in September 2017 and then into year 6 in September 2018.

The school needs to enlarge its premises to help accommodate the additional children from September 2018.

AGENDA ITEM 9**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL****DATE:** 27 February 2017**AUTHOR:** Town Clerk**SUBJECT:** Proposal to enlarge the premises of John Doone Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School, Blunham to provide additional accommodation

The following information is a direct copy from Central Bedfordshire Council's consultation information on the above matter and has been taken from Central Bedfordshire Council's website.

1. Description of proposed alteration

- 1.1 The governing body of John Donne C of E VA Lower School proposes to enlarge the premises of the school in order to provide additional accommodation, following the schools determination to change from a lower to a primary school.
- 1.2 The governing body intends to build one new classroom plus additional toilets to help accommodate year 6 children from September 2018. For this prescribed enlargement of the school premises, the Department for Education (DfE) requires us to carry out a statutory consultation.
- 1.3 The proposed enlargement is subject to planning permission and to any permission required from the DfE for the 'change of use for playing field land'.

2. Evidence of demand for proposed alteration versus need, including results of preliminary consultation

- 2.1 The governing body of John Donne C of E VA Lower School, carried out a non statutory consultation regarding their proposed change of age range from lower to primary, ie from age 3 (nursery) to age 9 (year 4) to age 3 (nursery) to age 11 (year 6). For a proposed change of age range for a voluntary aided school, the school does not require the permission of the local authority, nor is the local authority required to undertake a consultation for the proposed change.
- 2.2 The governing body is able to propose, consult and then determine the proposal, with the local authority acting only in the capacity of a consultee.
- 2.3 The governing body's consultation ran from 12 October to 23 November 2016. Consultees invited to provide feedback included school governors, staff, and parents/carers, the local parish council, other schools and academies within Central Bedfordshire and Central Bedfordshire Ward Members.

- 2.4 Responses to the consultation confirmed that 90% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposal.
- 2.5 After careful consideration of the issues raised during the consultation, both in writing and also verbally at the stakeholder meetings, the governing body of John Donne C of E VA Lower School unanimously agreed to proceed with an age range change, to become a single phase primary age 3 to 11 year old provision for 2017-18, with the first phase being the extension of the upper age range by one year to take Year 5 in September 2017 followed by Year 6 in September 2018.

3. Objectives - including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice

- 3.1 Within their consultation document for their proposed change of age range from lower to primary school the governing body summarised what they believed to be the benefits of their proposal:
- to provide better continuity of the curriculum – where each phase of education (infant, junior and secondary) teaches distinct, complete key stages
 - to engage in greater collaborative working between schools, enhancing the sharing of specialist provision, with the intention of improving student attainment and progress across all phases
 - to sustain high standards of education and maintain the nurture and well-being of children by offering them only the minimum change of schools, thereby ensuring sustained progress in all areas
 - to ensure that all of the schools involved in the proposal work positively as partners to ensure a high quality and localised educational provision, with full agreement of each school's governing body
 - to ensure that all of the schools involved in the proposal offer children and young people a broad, balanced and cohesive, exciting and innovative curriculum that meets their needs and supports them in achieving their full potential
 - to allow us to track and monitor pupil progress and attainment throughout Key Stage 1 and 2 within the same school, building improved accountability for pupil progress within both Key Stages and bringing the school in line with the prevailing system of education across the majority of the UK
 - to offer children a further 2 years within a primary model of teaching and learning before moving to a secondary model – meaning fewer daily changes of teacher and environment. This will give pupils time to mature and become 'secondary ready' in line with the National Curriculum expectation at the end of Year 6
 - to work together to continue to drive up standards at the end of Key Stage 2
- 3.2 In order to help accommodate the additional year 6 class from September 2018, and thereby help provide the benefits listed, the governing body intend to build a new classroom plus additional toilets.

4. The effect on other schools, academies and education institutions in the area

4.1 Consultations were also carried out during October/ November 2016 regarding a proposed change from lower to primary for the following schools:

- Everton Lower School
- St Swithuns VC Lower School
- Moggerhanger Lower School
- Robert Peel Lower School

4.2 Sandy Upper School also consulted on a proposal to change from 13-18 years to 11-19 years, in order to create a full secondary provision and 3 further schools consulted on a proposal to join together to become a multi academy trust: Laburnum Lower School, Maple Tree Lower School and Sandye Place Academy (middle).

4.3 Following the closure of the consultations and consideration of the responses received:

- the governing bodies of Robert Peel Lower and St Swithun's VC Lower Schools determined to change from lower to primary from September 2017
- the governing body of Moggerhanger Lower determined to change from lower to primary from September 2018
- the governing body of Sandy Upper school determined to change from upper to secondary from September 2018
- the governing bodies of Laburnum Lower School, Maple Tree Lower School and Sandye Place Academy determined to place their proposal on hold and to take all of the comments received during the consultation on board to inform their next step
- on 21 March 2017 we will determine a change of age range for Everton Lower School, from September 2017

4.4 Of the lower schools that have determined to change their age range, Robert Peel Lower and St. Swithun's VC Lower are also required to provide new additional accommodation for year 6 in September 2018. Statutory consultations are therefore also being carried out by Central Bedfordshire Council for the prescribed enlargement of Robert Peel Lower and St. Swithun's VC Lower, as required by the DfE.

4.5 Now that the proposed age range changes have been determined, the proposed expansion of the schools will have minimal effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area.

5. Project costs and indication of how these will be met

5.1 The day to day running costs of school provision are met through revenue funding which is made available to each school as part of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and is based primarily on the numbers of pupils attending each school. This increases accordingly within an expanded school

and would fund the additional teacher and resources that would be required for the additional children within the expanded school buildings. Funding required for the additional classroom and toilets will need to be sourced/ provided by the governing body.

6. Related proposals

- 6.1 As detailed above, other schools within the Sandy area have consulted on and subsequently determined to change their age range. Two other lower schools, Robert Peel Lower and St. Swithun's VC Lower, are required to expand their accommodation from September 2018 for year 6 children.

7. Education standards and diversity of provision

- 7.1 The new classroom and toilets will help provide the accommodation required for year 6 children to remain at John Donne C of E VA Lower School, which is an Ofsted 'Good' school. The governing body believes that the change from lower to primary will provide stability and a continuity of learning, and reflect the changing face of schooling in Sandy, the surrounding rural areas and the immediate locality.

- 7.2 Although a number of schools within the Sandy area have determined to change their age range, there are a number of schools that are retaining their current age range; this allows parents to make a choice regarding the learning pathway for their child.

8. School size

- 8.1 The change of age range from lower to primary will increase the capacity of John Donne C of E VA Lower School from 120 to 168. The new build will help the school to accommodate the additional children from September 2018.

9. Proposed admission arrangements

- 9.1 John Donne C of E VA Lower School has a published admission number of 24 and even though a change of age range has been determined there are no plans to change this or the admission arrangements for 2017/18. Pupils would have the opportunity to continue into year 5 and year 6 or transfer to middle schools. The admission arrangements are published on the school's website and include the criteria that will be used to determine how places are allocated if there are more applications for places than the number of places available.

10. National curriculum

- 10.1 John Donne C of E VA Lower School follows and will continue to follow the National Curriculum 2014 for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

11. Equal opportunity issues

- 11.1 The governing body of John Donne C of E VA Lower School will continue to meet their proactive public sector equality duty (PSED) which requires them to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.
- 11.2 The proposed expansion would have no affect on any sex, race or disability discrimination issues. The school would continue to be committed to providing their pupils access to a range of opportunities which reflect the ethnic and cultural mix of the area, ensuring that all such opportunities are open to all.

12. Community cohesion

- 12.1 John Donne C of E VA Lower School is predominantly white British and therefore ensures that there is a multi-cultural element running throughout the curriculum to provide the children with the opportunity to learn about children from different backgrounds. An understanding of, and respect for, different cultures, faiths and communities is encouraged through both teaching and class trips.

13. Travel and accessibility

- 13.1 John Donne C of E VA Lower School will be encouraged to revisit the school's travel plan in order to develop minimise the effect an increased number of pupils will have upon parking etc. within the local area.

14. School premises and playing fields

- 14.1 The new classroom and toilets are not to be built on the school's playing fields. The school has sufficient playing fields and outside space and also has access to the playing fields within the village of Blunham.

15. Proposed stages for implementation

- 15.1 The new classroom and toilets are needed for September 2018 when year 5 children move up and become year 6.

Proposal to enlarge the premises of John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School, Blunham to provide additional accommodation



Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers 'Making prescribed alterations to maintained schools, April 2016' that Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds SG17 5TQ intends to make a prescribed alteration to the John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School, High Street, Blunham, Beds MK44 3NL from 1 September 2018.

The proposal is to enlarge the premises of John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School by 1 classroom plus additional toilets to help accommodate year 6 children.

The school is to convert from a lower school, for ages 3 (nursery) to 9 (year 4), to a primary school, for ages 3 (nursery) to 11 (year 6) from 1 September 2017.

The current admission number for John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School is 24. The admission number will remain at 24 following the school's conversion to primary status.

The current capacity of the school is 120 plus nursery aged children. Following conversion to primary status the capacity of the school will be 168 plus nursery aged children. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 62 plus 20 nursery children.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: The Information Manager, Central Bedfordshire Council, Room DC2, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, Beds LU6 1LF. It can also be viewed on the Council's website at <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/overview.aspx>

Within 4 weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by using the on-line response facility available on the website or by sending them to the Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds SG17 5TQ.

Signed: Sue Harrison

Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council

Publication Date: 9 February 2017

Explanatory notes:

In December 2016 the Governing Body of John Donne Church of England Voluntary Aided Lower School agreed to extend the age range of the school from 3 to 9 years (nursery to year 4) to 3 to 11 years (nursery to year 6) with effect from September 2017.

This is to be implemented in 2 stages: year 4 children will have the opportunity to move up into year 5 in September 2017 and then into year 6 in September 2018.

The school needs to enlarge its premises to help accommodate the additional children from September 2018.



Influencing the Council's decisions in 2017/18



Have your say on the matters considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees

How can you influence Council decisions?

We recently ran our budget consultation, which looked at what we spend your money on. Now you can have your say on how we spend it, by taking part in our overview and scrutiny consultation and telling us what you think we should review.

We want to hear your ideas and suggestions for areas of work that our overview and scrutiny committees should focus on over the coming year.

The committees are made up of non-Executive Councillors, who hold Executive to account, challenging spending and other decisions, to ensure council services are delivered effectively, efficiently and in the best interests of residents.

The committees look at a broad spectrum of services and previously your ideas have helped to shape and improve our care home provision and they have even led to a better relationship with utility providers in Moggerhanger.

Please note that the Overview and Scrutiny Committees do not consider individual complaints - for more information about what to do if you have a complaint, visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/complaints.

How will we use your feedback?

All suggestions received for this year's overview and scrutiny work programmes will be considered by the elected Members of the OSCs for inclusion. Those items that are added to the work programmes will be publicised on the Council's website. For more information please contact the Scrutiny Team by phone on 0300 300 4634, by email at scrutiny@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk, or alternatively visit us online at <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/overview-scrutiny/overview.aspx>



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Influencing the Council's decisions in 2017/18



Your suggested topic for discussion

Q1 What would you like Overview and Scrutiny Committee to look at?

Q2 Why should we look at it? (Real life examples or other evidence can help make a compelling case)

Q3 What would be the best outcome? (This might be the resolution of a problem, a change in service or a money saving)

Q4 Have you contacted the council about this topic before?

- Yes
 No

Your details

We will use these details to keep in touch with you should we decide to consider your topic for discussion. These details will be kept anonymous and not used for any other purpose.

Q6 Please tell us your name:

Q7 What is your home address?

Q8 What is your email address, if you have one?

Our overview and scrutiny committee meetings are webcast live and also recorded, so you can watch them

AGENDA ITEM 11

APPENDIX V

Town Council - Action list

Subject	Action to be taken		Response/ Agenda no.
	Minute	Action	
Meeting 9/11/15			
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.	Cllr Pettitt to report
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 Recommendation from Policy, Finance and Resources Committee on Agenda.
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. Agenda Item 16 - Cllr Aldis/Pettitt to update following a meeting with A Burt and representatives from other authorities.
Meeting 7/3/16			
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. Agenda Item 16 - Cllr Aldis/Pettitt to update following a meeting with A Burt and representatives from other authorities.

AGENDA ITEM 12

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 27 February 2017
AUTHOR: Town Clerk
SUBJECT: Premises Licence Application

1. Summary

- 1.1 Central Bedfordshire Council have received and published an application for a new premises licence for a business property in Sandy. The application is attached to this report for Members' information.
- 1.2 If the council wishes to make any representation on the licence application, it must do so in writing by 10th March 2017.
- 1.3 It is likely a change of use application will also be required.

2. Information

- 2.1 The application is for Licensable Activities including live music, recorded music and sale of alcohol at 7 High Street, Sandy, SG19 1AG. Activity times applied for can be found on the application.
- 2.2 The Town Council is not a statutory consultee on licencing applications, but can submit comments to Central Bedfordshire's Licencing Team on the application. These comments will be considered by the Licencing Team, along with any others received, when determining whether to approve the application.
- 2.3 When considering licencing applications Members should limit comments to licensing objectives. Only concerns and objections relating to one or more of the four licencing objectives will be taken into account by the Licencing Team.
- 2.4 The licencing objectives are as follows;
 - 1) **The prevention of crime and disorder**
This relates to any crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour at the premises or related to the management of the premises. A licence holder/applicant cannot generally be held responsible for the conduct of individuals once they lease the premises;
 - 2) **Public Safety**
This relates to the safety of the public on the premises, i.e. fire safety, electrical circuitry, lighting, building safety or capacity, and first aid.

3) Prevention of Public Nuisance

This can relate to issues such as hours of operation, noise emanating from the premises, vibrations, lighting and litter.

4) Protection of Children from Harm

This relates to protection of children from the activities carried out on the premises whilst they are there. The law already provides special protections for children under 18 to buy alcohol.

2.5 Comments cannot be considered if they relate to anything other than the above points, such as planning permissions, the need for premises, trade competition, or the effect on house prices. Frivolous and vexatious representations will also be rejected.

3. Additional Information

3.1 The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) puts uses of land and buildings into various categories known as 'Use Classes'.

3.2 Changes of use within the same class do not usually require Planning Permission or a planning application.

3.3 It is generally the case that planning permission is needed to change from one use class to another, although there are exceptions where the legislation does allow some changes between uses. A table listing exemptions is attached to this report.

3.4 If the premises was class A1 (Retail shops) a change of use to class A4 (drinking establishment) would be required if the building was to be used as a drinking establishment. In this situation a change of use planning application would be required as A1 to A4 is not on the list of exemptions.

3.5 If a premises was changing from a class A1 to A3 a planning application would not be required as per the list of exemptions.



NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Please note that an application has been received on 10/02/2017 for a

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Premises Licence. Details as follows:

Name of applicant/Club Liam Brittany (The Four Horsemen Pubs Limited)

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description The Four Horsemen 7 High Street			
Town	Sandy	Post code	SG19 1AG

Licensable activities applied for/times. Live music - Friday to Sunday 12.00hrs to 23.00hrs Recorded music - Monday to Sunday 09.00hrs and 24.00hrs Sale of alcohol - Monday to Sunday 12.00hrs and 24.00hrs
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Description of the variation. N/A

The full application can be viewed at the address below. Alternatively the application will be advertised on a notice outside the premises and also in a local publication of the applicant's choice. If you wish to make a representation, please do so in writing by 10th March 2017. Any such representation must relate to one or more of the four licensing objectives: the prevention of crime & disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Licensing Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling House, High Street North,
Dunstable, Beds LU6 1LF
Telephone: 0300 300 8647

APPENDIX VI

The table below summarises the permitted changes of use following the latest updates to legislation which came into force on 6 April 2016. The table simplifies the complex legislation and should be read as a guide only

From	To
A1 (shops)	A2 , or up to 150m ² A3 subject to Prior Approval, or up to 200m ² D2 subject to Prior Approval and only if the premises was in A1 use on 5th December 2013. A mixed use comprising an A1 or A2 use and up to 2 flats may also be permitted subject to meeting certain conditions. C3 if the cumulative floorspace of the building is under 150m ² and subject to Prior Approval.
A2 (professional and financial services) when premises have a display window at ground level, but excluding betting offices or pay day loan shops	A1 , or up to 150m ² A3 subject to Prior Approval, or up to 200m ² D2 subject to Prior Approval and only if the premises was in A2 use on 5th December 2013. A mixed use comprising an A1 or A2 use and up to 2 flats may also be permitted subject to meeting certain conditions. C3 if the cumulative floorspace of the building is under 150m ² and subject to Prior Approval.
A3 (restaurants and cafes)	A1 or A2
A4 (drinking establishments)	A1 or A2 or A3 except buildings that may be defined as "community assets".
A5 (hot food takeaways)	A1 or A2 or A3
B1 (business)	Up to 500m ² B8 .
B2 (general industrial)	B1
B2 (general industrial)	Up to 500m ² B8
B8 (storage and distribution)	Up to 500m ² B1
C3 (dwellinghouses)	C4 (small houses in multiple occupation)
C4 (small houses in multiple occupation)	C3 (dwellinghouses)
Sui Generis (casinos and amusement arcades/centres)	D2 , or only if existing building is under 150m ² A3 or subject to Prior Approval. C3 if the cumulative floorspace of the building is under 150m ² and subject to Prior Approval.
Sui Generis (betting offices and pay day loan shops)	A1 or A2 . C3 if the cumulative floorspace of the building is under 150m ² and subject to Prior Approval. A mixed use comprising a betting office or a pay day loan shop, or an A1 or A2 use and up to 2 flats may also be permitted subject to meeting certain conditions.
Sui Generis (agricultural buildings)	A1, A2, A3, B1, B8, C1, C3, D2 , all subject to meeting relevant criteria and Prior Approval. See notes below.

APPENDIX VII

AGENDA NO: 13

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 27 February 2017

AUTHOR: Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Sandy Crime Statistics for January 2017

Statistics

OFFENCE CLASS DESCRIPTION	COMMITTED	ADDRESS	BEAT CODE	BEAT NAME
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	17/1/2017 11:55	WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	25/1/2017 15:30	SUNDERLAND ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	06/1/2017 00:10	DAPIFER DRIVE SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	15/1/2017 20:00	MIDLAND ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	14/1/2017 19:00	MIDLAND ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	21/1/2017 17:00	EVERTON ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	07/1/2017 21:30	WINDSOR WAY SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	08/1/2017 00:00	WINDSOR WAY SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	07/1/2017 14:30	WINDSOR WAY SANDY	NORTH-831	SANDY

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BURGLARY IN A DWELLING - ATTEMPTED		30/1/2017 09:30		COLLEGE ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
COMMON ASSAULT		24/1/2017 13:10		BELAM WAY SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
COMMON ASSAULT		25/1/2017 08:30		WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)		21/1/2017 00:30		GLEBE ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)		01/12/2016 01:00		WAVERLEY AVENUE SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)		21/1/2017 00:00		WAVERLEY AVENUE SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)		29/1/2017 07:00		BELAM WAY SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)		29/1/2017 15:00		WAVERLEY AVENUE SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO DWELLINGS		02/1/2017 17:30		GLEBE ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO DWELLINGS		11/1/2017 18:00		PLEASANT PLACE SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
DANGEROUS DOG INJURE PERSON OR ASSISTANCE DOG - IN ANY PLACE (WHETHER PUBLIC OR NOT)		29/1/2017 16:30		MERLIN DRIVE SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
INTERFERENCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE		04/1/2017 22:00		MIDLAND ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
INTERFERENCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE		09/1/2017 15:50		CAMBRIDGE ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
INTERFERENCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE		26/1/2017 23:30		ST. SWITHUNS WAY SANDY	NORTH-831			SANDY
MAKING OFF WITHOUT PAYMENT		26/1/2017 10:47		GREAT NORTH ROAD	NORTH-			SANDY

			SANDY	831		
MAKING OFF WITHOUT PAYMENT		27/1/2017 11:10	GREAT NORTH ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE		22/1/2017 22:20	DAPIFER DRIVE SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
PUBLIC ORDER - FEAR OR PROVOCATION OF VIOLENCE (POA 1986 S. 4)		08/1/2017 17:03	EAST ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
PUBLIC ORDER - FEAR OR PROVOCATION OF VIOLENCE (POA 1986 S. 4)		19/1/2017 16:30	WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE		06/1/2017 18:00	MIDLAND ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE		23/1/2017 20:40	KESTREL WAY SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE		21/1/2017 22:30	BRICKHILL ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		12/1/2017 20:50	GREAT NORTH ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		15/1/2017 17:00	KESTREL WAY SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		19/1/2017 08:55	MARKET SQUARE SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		21/1/2017 20:55	KESTREL WAY SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE		05/1/2017 08:15	PLOVERS FIELD SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLES		14/1/2017 19:30	LONGFIELD ROAD SANDY	NORTH-831		SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)		13/1/2017 12:50	MCMURDO COURT SANDY	NORTH-832		SANDY
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING		20/1/2017 14:00	TYNE ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832		SANDY

BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	10/1/2017 20:40	LONDON ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
MAKING OFF WITHOUT PAYMENT	23/1/2017 13:36	GIRTFORD BRIDGE SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE	13/1/2017 12:00	BRAYBROOK SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE	25/1/2017 16:58	A603 ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
PUBLIC ORDER - CAUSE INTENTIONAL HARASSMENT, ALARM OR DISTRESS (POA 1986 S. 4A)	08/1/2017 12:05	NEW ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
PUBLIC ORDER - CAUSE INTENTIONAL HARASSMENT, ALARM OR DISTRESS (POA 1986 S. 4A)	13/1/2017 19:30	MCMURDO COURT SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	13/1/2017 19:30	POPLAR CLOSE SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	08/1/2017 10:40	HIGH STREET SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	11/1/2017 18:48	NEW ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	19/1/2017 09:46	NEW ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	23/1/2017 19:53	NEW ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	28/1/2017 12:00	NEW ROAD SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY
THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLES	24/1/2017 17:40	SANDFORD RISE SANDY	NORTH-832	SANDY

**AGENDA ITEM 15
SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

DATE: 27 February 2017

AUTHOR: Town Clerk

Subject: Council Risk Assessment



Sandy Town Council	Council Risk Assessment	Agreed by Policy, Finance and Resources on 9 January 2017
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Area	Subject	Risk(s) identified	H/M/L score	Management/control of risk	Review/Assess/Revise	Verified by
Finance	Precept	Adequacy of precept in order for the Council to carry out its Statutory duties	L	To determine the precept amount required, the Council regularly receives budget update information at every PFR Committee meeting. At the Town Council meeting to discuss and agree the Precept and at the PFR committees ahead of that meeting that Council receives a budget report, including actual position and projected position to the end of year and indicative figures and costings obtained by the Clerk. With this information the Council considers individual budget	Existing procedure adequate	Council RFO/Clerk Accountant

APPENDIX VIII

				codes and projects to ensure each is adequately budgeted for.			
Bank and Banking	Inadequate checks Banks mistakes Loss Charges	L		The Council has Financial Regulations which set out banking requirements. Monthly reconciliation of accounts is carried when statements arrive by the accountant.	Existing procedure adequate. Review financial regulations when necessary. Review bank signatories as necessary. Monitor bank statements monthly.	RFO/Clerk External Auditor Internal Auditor	
Financial controls and Records	Inadequate records Financial irregularities	L		The Council has financial regulations in place which set out requirements. Financial transactions are recorded by the accountant monthly. An independent audit checks the records on an annual basis to ensure the Council is compliant. Yearend accounts submitted with annual return.	Existing procedure adequate. Review financial regulations when necessary.	RFO/Clerk External Auditor Internal Auditor	
Reporting and auditing	Information Communication	L		Financial information is reported to every Policy, Finance and Resources Committee meeting every six weeks.	Existing procedure adequate	Council RFO/Clerk External Auditor Internal Auditor	
Direct Costs	Goods not supplied but billed Incorrect invoicing Cheque incorrect	L		The Council has financial regulations in place which set out requirements. A list of payments for each monthly is reviewed by Council at P,F&R. Two Members' signatures required for all cheques.	Existing procedures adequate. Monitored by Council.	RFO/Clerk Accountant	

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					The Council has minimal stock, which is regularly checked by the Clerk and maintenance team.		
Best Value accountability	Work awarded incorrectly. Overspend on services.	L/M			Financial Regulations set out contract levels and tendering process. If problems are encountered with a contract the Clerk will investigate and report to the Council.	Existing procedure is adequate and included in financial regulations. Monitored by Town Clerk Schedule of contracts held by Council. To be reported to Council annually.	Councillors RFO/Clerk
Salaries and associated costs	Salary paid incorrectly. Unpaid Tax to Inland Revenue	L			Payroll contracted out to Bedfordshire Borough Council. Payroll checked by admin team leader and payroll on a monthly basis.	Adequate. Contract with Beds Borough Council to be monitored by Clerk.	RFO/Clerk Accountant
Employees	Fraud by staff Loss of key personnel Health and Safety	L			Requirements of Fidelity Guarantee insurance adhered to with regards to fraud. All employees provided with adequate direction and safety equipment needed to undertake their roles.	Adequate. Monitored by Clerk and Human Resources Committee.	Councillors Clerk
Town Clerk	Improper conduct	L			Appraisals carried out annually Clerk's performance and appraisal overseen by Human Resources Committee and Clerks Management Committee. Clerk to be provided with relevant training, reference books, access	Monitored by Human Resources Committee	Councillors

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Employer Liability	Complying with	Failure to comply with law	L	Membership of various national bodies and contract with Human Resources provider.	Existing procedure is adequate.	Clerk
Insurance	Adequacy Cost Compliance	L/M	An annual review is undertaken (before the time of policy renewal) of all insurance agreements in place.	Existing procedure is adequate. Review insurance provision annually, Review of compliance.	Clerk Councilors	
Legal Powers	Illegal activity	L	All activity and payments within the powers of Town Council to be resolved and minuted at PFR or Town Council meetings.	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk Councilors	
Annual Return	Submit within time limits	L	Annual Return is completed and signed by the Council, submitted to the internal auditor for completion and signing then sent to the external auditor within time limit.	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk/RFO Accountant	
VAT	Re-claiming/charging	L	The Council has Financial Regulations that set out the requirements. The accountant regularly checks and claims all VAT owed.	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk/RFO Accountant	
Election Costs	Risk of election cost	L/M	to professional and legal advice required to undertake the role. Risk is higher in an election year. When an election is due the Clerk will obtain an estimate of costs from Central Bedfordshire Council for a full election and an uncontested election. There are no measures which can be adopted to minimise the risk of having a contested election as this is a democratic process and should not be stifled. An annual budget is set aside with this in mind.	Existing procedure is adequate	Councillors Clerk/RFO	

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				Town Clerk is a member of SLCC and the Council is a member of BATPC		Human Resources Committee
Employment law						
Safety of staff and visitors	Injury	M	Employees are provided with adequate health and safety training and direction in equipment needed to undertake their roles. Health and safety policy in place. Secured doors to personnel area. Panic button in reception. Lone work policy in place.	Existing procedure is adequate.	Clerk Human Resources Committee	
Pension requirements	Comply with statutory duties	L	Payroll and pension contributions managed by Bedford Borough Council. Adequate budget allowed for employer contributions is reviewed annually.	Existing procedure is adequate.	Clerk Human Resources Committee	
Acting within legal powers	Failure to ensure activities are within the legal powers of a council	L	All activity and payments within the powers of Town Council to be resolved and minuted at PFR or Town Council meetings.	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk Auditors	
Proper reporting of Minutes/Age ndas/Notices/ Statutory Documents	Failure to meet requirements	M	Minutes and agendas are produced in the prescribed manner by the Clerk or administration team leader and adhere to the legal requirements. Minutes are approved and signed at the next Council/Committee meetings. Agendas are displayed according to legal requirements.	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk Auditors	
Computers	Loss of Council data	L	Regular back up of important data. Virus protection renewed. IT management contract in place. All	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk	
Legal Liability						

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	Legal Documents			computers are included on insurance policy with adequate cover.			
	Declarations of Interest	Loss or damage	M	Leases and legal documents kept in safe at Council officers	Existing procedure is adequate		Clerk Auditor
Councillors		Interest not declared	M	Code of conduct sets down declaration of interest guidelines. Clerk to advise a Councillor when there is uncertainty. Declarations are included in each agenda before the discussion items.	Existing procedure is adequate		
	Protection of Physical Assets	Damage to property	M	Buildings insured and reviewed annually. Increase in line with RPI. Annual Health and Safety inspection of all property by outside company. (THSP)	Existing procedure is adequate		Clerk Councillors
	Maintenance of buildings	Lack of upkeep	M	Buildings maintained on adhoc basis.	Reviewed by Grounds team leader and recommendations made to Clerk for action if required.		Clerk Grounds Team
	Security of buildings, equipment	Theft, damage	H	Regular checks by staff and reports from public investigated. Alarm system at Council offices and depot. CCTV at Sunderland Road and Bedford Road Recreation Grounds. Annual fire safety testing. Weekly fire alarm and sensor checks.	Existing procedure adequate.		Clerk Councillors
Assets							

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**DATE: 27 February 2017****AUTHOR: Cllr M. Pettitt****SUBJECT: Sandy Twinning Association
Report from Council Representative**

2017 sees the 35th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter with our twin town of Malaunay which took place on 18th September 1982.

A regrettably small group of only 16 members are looking forward to making the trip to Normandy this year between 28th April and 1st May where we will be staying with friends some of whom we have known for all but a few years of the link. A combination of circumstances has determined that the size of the party will be smaller than normal, with a check back over the past eight years indicating that an average of around 40 have been making the biannual trip with around the same number visiting Sandy from Malaunay in the intervening years. Most trips to and from Malaunay in the past have been made by coach which has always been seen by members as one of the important and integral aspects of the visits and has involved stop offs en route sightseeing, shopping etc. However due to the small number going this year it is not financially viable to travel by coach and thus we will be going in a small convoy of private cars.

Members of the present committee have worked especially hard in the past 6 months in a determined effort to involve one or more community groups whose own members might be interested in widening their horizons and establishing their own links with like minded groups and individuals in and around Malaunay. During the past 35 years a number of organisations have participated in such visits and indeed in several instances their members reciprocated by hosting in return; all this in the spirit of the original charter in which both towns pledged to work to foster cultural and community partnerships.

Groups in the past have included walkers, musicians, sports and theatre groups the scouts and more beside. Unfortunately and for whatever reason the interest in making what is a comparatively short journey once every 2 years seems to have waned and now in an age when longer haul trips abroad seem more popular than a "hop across the channel", recruiting interest in the Twinning Association has become much more difficult. We are convinced that this is not something peculiar to Sandy since other twinning associations countrywide have struggled to sustain previous membership levels and in a significant number of cases have ceased to exist altogether. We also know that our friends in Malaunay have experienced the same problems. We and they are not yet at least at that stage and believe there remains a genuine will to work to maintain the long standing link between our communities

which have much in common despite, perhaps rather than because of, the UK's decision to exit the European Union!

In planning the upcoming trip to Malaunay we believe that a small Civic style event is planned involving the Mayor, the Marie de Malaunay as well as the Malaunay Twinning Committee and their members and families. We have been requested to advise who if anyone will be present to formally represent Sandy Town Council at that event or reception. In May 2016 our then Deputy Mayor, Cllr Osborne attended the welcome reception for the party from Malaunay at The Jenkins Pavilion and accepted a gift sent by the Marie de Malaunay.

Accordingly Sandy Twinning Association formally request Sandy Town Council to consider firstly whether it wishes to be officially represented at the 35th Anniversary event in Malaunay between 28th April and 1 May 2017 and if so by whom? Secondly whether Sandy Town Council would wish to provide a small gift to the Marie de Malaunay to be presented at this occasion?

Martin Pettitt
V Chair, Sandy Twinning Association

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 27 February 2017

AUTHOR: Cllr P. Blaine

SUBJECT: Notes from a meeting organised by Healthwatch on the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)
31st January, 2017

This meeting was chaired by a representative of Healthwatch and presentations were given by 2 representatives from the Health Service.

The following is my interpretation of what is being proposed and of the presentations. Slides are being promised from the presentations and both the "Public Summary", which was distributed at the meeting and the "draft technical STP submission" are posted on the website www.blmkstp.co.uk. I would emphasise that I am not an expert in health matters and that anyone wishing to rely on information given should consult the NHS documents.

The Plan seeks to integrate Health and Social Care provision in a way that is affordable. There are 16 participants in the plan: the 4 unitary councils, the 3 hospital trusts, 4 Community/mental health trusts, 2 ambulance trusts and the 3 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

STPs are being prepared covering the whole of England. It is not clear to me why this particular grouping of CCG areas has been chosen for our locality. It seems likely that the apportionment was done by NHS England. However, it seems obvious that this arrangement has had a profound influence on the content of the plan and thus will have profound consequences for users of particularly the Health Service in this area for many years to come. It results in the proposal to administer the three hospitals largely as a single entity and therefore affects the way in which major acute services will be provided. Whilst the plan has been prepared in the local BLMK area, and therefore any suggestion that it is "top-down" would be deniable, it is clearly a major reorganisation of the Health Service and also of Social Care and no doubt similar reorganisations are in train throughout England.

There was considerable emphasis on the drivers for change, for example, demographics and finance, the ways people use health and social care, pressures, the way money is currently spent, etc. Most of these concepts will be familiar to those who take a general interest in health and social care issues, but the detail may be found interesting and can be found in the reports.

The plan identifies five priorities:

1. Prevention
2. Primary, Community and Social Care
3. Sustainable Secondary Care
4. Technology
5. System redesign

The first 3 are customer facing services. The last 2 are nuts and bolts matters which contribute to the operation of the services.

The priorities will now be summarised in order.

1. Prevention

The basic aim here is to prevent people becoming unwell, or in need of care, in the first place. A range of individual plans is being prepared for different initiatives and these can be identified from the larger report. The critical factors would appear to be that these plans need to be adequately resourced, that the definitions of outcomes need to be robust and that the monitoring of outcomes needs to be rigorous.

In spite of there being a “Jargon Buster” on the web-site, I am unable to tell you what a Fracture Liaison Services Business Case or a Social Prescribing Hub Business Case is, but these appear to relate to prevention plans.

2. Primary, Community and Social Care

If I understand it correctly, no doubt crudely: Primary Care is GPs, Community Care is Health Visitors etc. and Social Care is the Council function.

The report plans to: “build a wider team of health professionals, such as clinical pharmacists and health coaches aligned around GP practices”, so reducing the load on GPs. The reports hold out the possibility of merging GP practices to enable them to provide a wider range of services. Catchment areas of 30,000 to 50,000 population are mentioned. There is discussion of bringing together hospital specialists, GPs, community health and care providers...and to locate other Council Services (such as Housing) alongside healthcare services. It doesn't seem to be made clear to what extent all these facilities would be physically co-located. The example of “co-location in community hubs” is, however, offered.

There are proposals for provision for people with long-term or complex needs to be provided at home, in residential care homes and in community hospitals by specialist GPs or community-based specialists.

It is intended to provide a single point of access, using various media, for urgent care, merging 111, 999, Nurseline, etc.

3. Sustainable Secondary Care

The plan refers to reducing unnecessary duplication between the three hospital sites. It talks about creating an “integrated model of leadership, management and operations” across the three sites. It appears that there is an intention to set up an overall board for the three hospital trusts without the need for great formal constitutional change. There is a promise to: “discuss and consult with local people on any changes to hospital based care...before any decisions are made”. There is reference in the large report to determination in 2016/17 of “any recommended service change” It is further stated that “some recommendations” are expected towards the end of March, 2017. The case is made that the larger aggregated teams across the three hospitals will help to ensure that functions are robust against, for example, staff churn and therefore avoid functions being lost to the BLMK area.

Notwithstanding the last point, this area of the plan will perturb those who fear the loss of functions from Bedford Hospital.

4. Technology

This means ICT. It includes medical records sharing between the three hospitals and within the Health and Social Care system. It also includes direct patient access to their own records. It is unclear to me whether privacy issues may emerge.

I found only one reference to medical technology, but that is not the subject of this Priority.

5. System redesign

This appears to be about Commissioning. The feeling emerges from the reports that there is a lack of confidence in the current commissioning arrangements as operated by the three PCGs, which may not be surprising in view of the current deficits. There appears to be the intention to operate a single commissioning procedure across the three PCGs and the methods used to align commissioning with needs will be greatly improved. The words: “accountable care approach” appear to relate to this, but again the jargon buster does not help.

Capital Requirements

The Capital Expenditure required to implement the plan is currently unclear. The intention appears to be to make bids for some specifics. However this is in the context of a lack of guidelines as to what might be available, except that it will be limited. Two attendees at the meeting advocated a new hospital in Central Bedfordshire. This was instantly dismissed as impossible.

Timescales

The larger document includes a graphic showing the high level programme for the BLMK STP. It appears that much of the planning will be complete by the end of FY2016/17 with implementation following immediately.

Public Consultation

The large report covers the consultations which are statutorily required and I get the impression that it is intended to rely on them. Members of principal councils will, of course be able to input via Health and Social care Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

There is no obvious window in the published programme for modifications following public consultation.

I found the event on 31st January not entirely satisfactory in various respects. It is noteworthy that the invitation arrived late and by a circuitous route. It seemed that few attendees (including myself) had had the opportunity to discover the proposals in advance of the meeting (the summary document was handed out during the welcoming coffee). The result of this was that most questioning related to attendees' current perceptions of health service challenges, mainly related to their own localities. Where specifics were suggested (like the one I mentioned above) they were easily dismissed if they didn't conform to current thinking. The representative of Healthwatch was indistinguishable from the Health Service representatives and it is difficult to envisage this organisation championing public views against Health Service plans. Healthwatch is to be thanked nonetheless for organising the meeting. It is strange that an "independent" organisation organises consultation on the Health Service's plans. But Health is a different world.....

Cllr Peter Blaine

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 27 February 2017

AUTHOR: Cllr T Cole

SUBJECT: Sandy Carnival Association – Carnival 2017 A brief update.

Sandy Carnival Association has agreed a date of Saturday 17th June 2017 for its Annual Carnival.

The 2017 event theme is confirmed as 'Best of British'.

Plans for the event are well underway, with a good number of applications for stalls and parade received to date.

The parade will start at 1.30pm from All Saints Way, Sandy and follow the route along London Road, West Road, St Neots Road, High Street and then directly in to Park Road, Sandye Place Academy grounds for the stalls and arena events.

I have been asked to share an advanced warning that the parade will NOT travel past Park Road along the High Street and via St Swithuns Way/Cambridge Road this year.

Committee will be holding their annual Prince and Princess competition on Sunday 19th March 2017 3pm – 6pm at the Roundabout Club, Sandy. A small disco will start the event at 3pm, Prince and Princess Competition taking place from 3.40pm, with a disco until close at 6pm. This year will see a guest judge; Harriet Lee, Team GB Paralympic swimmer 2016 medal winner.

Carnival committee have asked that I express their gratitude to Town Council for the continued support with this event, to include the allocated financial contribution from 2017/2018 events budget.