

# Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs P N Aldis, J Ali, T Cole, A M Hill, W Jackson, G Leach, M Pettitt, C Osborne, M Scott, P Sharman 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 6 July 2015 commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the items of business below

Carol Baker-Smith  
Acting Clerk  
10 Cambridge Road  
Sandy  
SG19 1JE  
01767 681491  
30 June 2015

**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 Disclosable Interests*
- iii) Dispensations*

### **3 Public Participation Session**

To receive questions and representations from members of the public.

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## **4 Minutes of previous Town Council meetings**

To consider the Minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 29 June 2015 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

## **5 Presentation from RSPB**

To receive a presentation from Peter Bradley regarding the wind turbine at The Lodge.

## **6 Police Matters**

To receive a report from PCSO Ann Jeeves on policing in Sandy. ✓

## **7 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 Committee held on 1 June 2015 and 22 June 2015
- ii) Community Services & Environment Committee held on 1 June 2015
- iii) Human Resources Committee held on 8 June 2015
- iv) Policy, Finance and Resources Committee on 22 June 2015

## **8 Financial Matters**

- i) To note a summary statement of income and expenditure against budget for the year to date (previously circulated).
- ii) To note a list of payments made since the last Town Council meeting (previously circulated)

## **15 Financial Matters \***

To confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks for year ahead.

## **9 Banking Arrangements**

To review the arrangements for the Council and Mayor's accounts.

## **10 Co-option procedure**

To receive and approve arrangements on the procedures for co-option. ✓

## **16 Human Resource Committee \***

To receive report from the Human Resource Committee regarding the Town Clerk post.

## **11 Update on Sandy Town Plan**

To receive the updated Sandy Town Plan. ✓

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## **12 Sport England**

The proposed meeting with the Clubs and Cllrs Aldis, Hill and Scott, to discuss the Sport England application, will be arranged as soon as possible.

## **13 Cemetery Extension**

To recommend that the Community Services and Environment Committee have the responsibility to action any proposals brought from the Cemetery Extension Working group.

## **14 News Release**

**\*Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media may be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of these items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

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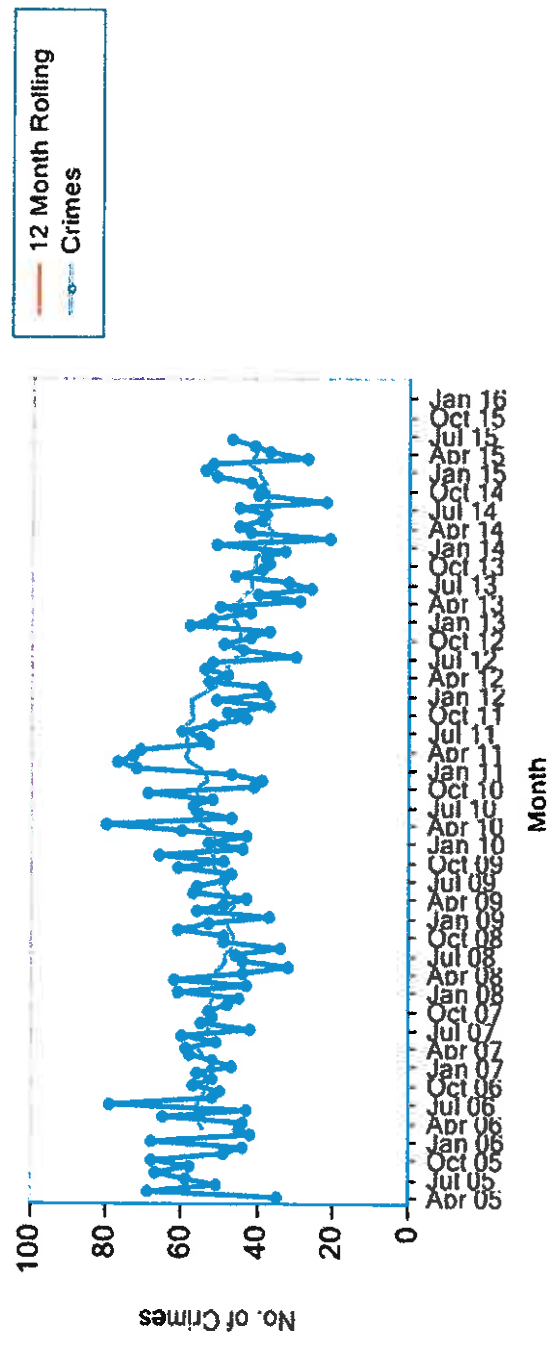
**Town Council Meeting on Monday 6 July 2015**

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## **R E P O R T S**

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- 11 Update on Sandy Town Plan**  
To receive the updated Sandy Town Plan.

Sandy Town Council Police Report; 18/06/2015-27/06/2015.



**Crime Type Breakdown in last 12 months**

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	37	41											78	39.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	45	39	38	45	22	40	39	42	51	54	52	27	494	41.17
Financial Year: 2013/2014	29	40	26	32	46	39	37	38	33	51	21	42	434	36.17
Financial Year: 2012/2013	48	54	52	30	44	49	42	37	58	52	42	50	558	46.50
Financial Year: 2011/2012	71	53	55	60	52	43	48	37	51	38	39	53	600	50.00
Financial Year: 2010/2011	80	47	56	57	52	69	41	39	47	72	77	73	710	59.17
Financial Year: 2009/2010	43	57	56	49	47	61	49	66	44	53	43	60	628	52.33
Financial Year: 2008/2009	44	32	44	46	34	49	49	61	53	37	56	49	554	46.17
Financial Year: 2007/2008	59	51	60	42	55	52	53	48	45	61	43	62	631	52.58
Financial Year: 2006/2007	44	65	43	79	52	50	57	52	56	47	52	58	655	54.58

## Sandy Town Council Police Report; 18/06/2015-27/06/2015.

### Domestic Burglary.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	0	1											1	0.50
Financial Year: 2014/2015	1	2	3	1	0	4	6	2	4	6	5	1	35	2.92
Financial Year: 2013/2014	2	4	1	1	4	3	1	2	0	2	1	2	23	1.92
Financial Year: 2012/2013	3	2	2	1	3	4	4	3	10	16	4	3	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2011/2012	4	3	10	1	7	6	8	5	8	1	1	2	56	4.67
Financial Year: 2010/2011	7	1	3	5	2	5	6	3	3	7	6	7	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2009/2010	1	3	3	1	4	4	2	8	3	7	1	2	39	3.25
Financial Year: 2008/2009	1	1	2	0	2	4	2	5	9	5	3	1	35	2.92
Financial Year: 2007/2008	0	2	5	0	2	7	5	3	7	0	1	1	33	2.75
Financial Year: 2006/2007	3	1	4	9	3	4	1	1	4	2	10	3	45	3.75
Financial Year: 2005/2006	1	1	5	8	3	9	6	2	3	5	4	5	52	4.33

### Burglary Other.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	2	1											3	1.50
Financial Year: 2014/2015	2	2	3	8	3	1	1	4	0	2	2	3	31	2.58
Financial Year: 2013/2014	3	3	1	3	5	0	2	0	3	8	1	1	30	2.50
Financial Year: 2012/2013	8	7	6	0	3	5	5	6	7	3	2	3	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2011/2012	12	5	3	9	2	3	5	1	2	2	4	4	52	4.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011	20	7	3	6	6	6	5	3	3	8	14	7	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2009/2010	2	4	11	8	4	6	6	3	5	6	2	6	63	5.25
Financial Year: 2008/2009	6	2	8	3	5	3	12	4	5	4	2	4	58	4.83
Financial Year: 2007/2008	11	4	4	2	4	5	3	5	4	5	5	7	59	4.92
Financial Year: 2006/2007	1	6	4	7	3	4	6	2	6	2	4	10	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2005/2006	3	6	5	7	2	5	4	4	1	3	1	4	45	3.75

# Sandy Town Council Police Report; 18/06/2015-27/06/2015.

## Vehicle Crime.

### Crime Type Breakdown in last 12 months

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	2	4											6	3.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	8	12	6	5	1	9	4	3	3	6	3	1	61	5.08
Financial Year: 2013/2014	3	8	3	2	5	3	8	6	4	10	2	9	63	5.25
Financial Year: 2012/2013	5	9	9	3	12	9	3	5	13	5	6	5	84	7.00
Financial Year: 2011/2012	8	6	2	10	8	5	5	4	12	9	7	12	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011	4	3	7	6	6	4	1	3	6	8	8	5	61	5.08
Financial Year: 2009/2010	10	6	6	7	7	9	11	8	6	6	5	3	84	7.00
Financial Year: 2008/2009	5	4	7	10	6	2	4	11	8	5	6	9	77	6.42
Financial Year: 2007/2008	6	6	5	3	13	6	9	5	9	6	5	15	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2006/2007	5	11	3	6	3	8	14	10	6	4	5	10	85	7.08
Financial Year: 2005/2006	7	17	7	8	9	14	16	4	7	15	5	9	118	9.83

## Criminal Damage.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	9	11											20	10.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	9	5	3	8	5	10	9	16	23	16	10	3	117	9.75
Financial Year: 2013/2014	5	5	9	11	4	3	7	9	7	5	4	9	78	6.50
Financial Year: 2012/2013	13	14	11	6	6	11	9	9	12	7	8	6	112	9.33
Financial Year: 2011/2012	19	11	12	14	9	8	12	10	12	7	6	9	129	10.75
Financial Year: 2010/2011	14	10	4	15	13	14	11	12	14	22	20	26	175	14.58
Financial Year: 2009/2010	10	23	11	15	12	14	11	22	11	11	12	17	169	14.08
Financial Year: 2008/2009	9	12	12	17	10	17	9	20	15	9	23	8	161	13.42
Financial Year: 2007/2008	25	7	14	12	13	15	12	14	5	18	4	18	157	13.08
Financial Year: 2006/2007	19	19	6	24	16	16	11	15	17	19	12	17	191	15.92
Financial Year: 2005/2006	4	17	11	18	16	9	11	12	10	17	13	10	148	12.33

**Sandy Town Council Police Report; 18/06/2015-27/06/2015.**

Crime Type	Recorded Crime.		Solved Crimes	
	18/05/14 to 27/06/14	18/05/15 to 27/06/15	18/05/14 to 27/06/14	18/05/15 to 27/06/15
Violence against the Person	13	27	2	2
Sexual Offences	2	2	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	0
Domestic Burglary	5	3	2	6
Burglary Other	6	1	0	0
Vehicle Crime	8	5	2	0
Other Theft	11	7	3	0
Criminal Damage	5	22	1	3
Drugs	3	1	2	0
Other Notifiable Offences	1	0	1	0
Total	55	68	13	11

**Burglary Dwelling.** All 3 were attempted Burglaries.

- On 08/06/15 between 1700-2200 in Berwick Way; the front door had jemmy marks and the lock had been forced. No entry gained.
- On 19/06/15 between 1600-1730 in Bedford Road; access was tried to be gained by attempting to remove the beading; the window smashed and offender made off.
- Between 10/06/15 at 0001 and 24/06/15 at 1310 in Avocet Close; access was tried by forcing the front door. No entry gained.

All 3 were at the front of the property and by using unknown items to try and jemmy the doors or windows.

**Burglary Other.**

- Between 03/06/15 at 1600 and 04/06/15 at 0745 in Stratford Road; a storage building was accessed and 3 garden strimmers were removed.



## Sandy Town Council Police Report; 18/06/2015-27/06/2015.

### Vehicle Crime.

- Between 22/05/15 at 2100 and 23/05/15 at 0820 in South Road; the front lights were stolen from a transit van.
- Between 28/05/15 at 1630 and 29/05/15 at 0530 in Waverley Avenue; rear bumper with the index plate and light cluster were removed and stolen.
- Between 29/05/15 at 1700 and 04/06/15 at 0800 in New Road; a vehicle used for storage was broken into and a large amount of items taken.
- Between 13/06/15 at 1500 and 15/06/15 at 0400 in Stockton End; 2 Lorries had their windows smashed and a battery was removed; appears to be an Anti-social behaviour incident also.
- Between 17/06/15 at 2200 and 18/06/15 at 0800 in Great North Road Beeston; the vehicle was broken into and a tool box removed.

### Other Theft.

- On 21/05/15 between 00.01 -1500 in Winchester Road; a mobile was lost and tracked back to another address.
- Between 30/05/15 at 1730 and 31/05/15 at 1430 in Rowan View; a bbq and set of table and chairs was taken out of a garden.
- Between 01/03/15 and 09/06 at 1230 in London Road; money and keys were taken over a period of time.
- Between 04/06/15 and 09/06/15 in London Road; there were further incidents of money been taken.
- Between 12/06/15 at 1100 and 14/06/15 at 1400 in Larks Rise; an urn shaped flower pot was stolen.
- Between 13/06 at 1000 and 15/06/15 at 2200 in West Road; Plant pots and plants were taken from the garden.
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### Violence Against the Person.

- 10 were Harassment related.
- 1 was in relation to stalking.
- 10 were domestic related.
- 4 were in relation to a group of friends fighting.
- 1 was an assault on a Police Officer.
- 1 was in relation to two boys arguing on the school bus.

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### Criminal Damage.

- 10 were in relation to criminal damage to vehicles.
- 3 were other buildings.
- 1 to dwelling.
- 8 were other; which includes trellis and fencing.

**Any questions please contact me;**

### **PCSO 4763 Ann Jeeves**

Sandy and Biggleswade Local Policing Team.

Biggleswade Police Station,

Station Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8AL

Tel :101

Email; [Jeeves.ann@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jeeves.ann@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)



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fighting crime, protecting the public

## Carol Baker-Smith

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**From:** Teresa Cole <teresacole@hotmail.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 29 June 2015 12:58  
**To:** Carol Baker-Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Sandy Town Council - co-option pack  
**Attachments:** SandyTownCouncil\_Co\_option\_Pack.docx; SANDY TOWN COUNCIL coopt 2.docx; What is a Councillor.docx

Hi Carol

Please find attached forwarded copy of email that was sent to Maria Damigos & Brian Dunleavy on Thursday last week. Will asked me to submit the co-option pack to Maria for her comments but unfortunately she has not yet replied. Hopefully she will reply before 6th July, so we know where we stand before Town Council meeting. I am not sure whether it would be beneficial to include the report later in the week, in case she does reply or whether it goes public before then? Perhaps you can advise?

I have attached the pack that I sent her plus Sue Fosters amended paperwork and also a 'what is a councillor' sheet that I found on the internet.....all open for discussion by Councillors accordingly.

Michael Scott has asked me to send it all over to you today.

Kind regards

Teresa Cole

This email is strictly confidential. If you are not the addressee please do not, print, re-transmit, store or act in reliance on it or any attachments. Instead, please email it back to the sender and then delete it.

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**From:** teresacole@hotmail.co.uk  
**To:** maria.damigos@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  
**CC:** will.jackson662@btinternet.com; brian.dunleavy@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Sandy Town Council - co-option pack  
**Date:** Thu, 25 Jun 2015 23:12:32 +0100

Hello Maria

Further to our meeting on Wed 10th June at Chicksands, it was decided that Sandy Town Council would opt to produce a small co-option pack that would be made available to applicants at the next co-option.

Following discussions with Sandy Town Mayor (Will Jackson) it was suggested that I email the pack over to you to ask for your comments. We wondered if you would kindly cast your eye over the pack to let us know if we are heading in the right direction in legal terms?

We would appreciate any assistance you are able to give regarding this matter, as obviously you are aware that we do not currently have a Town Clerk in post but wish to proceed with the co-options as soon as is practicable.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Our ref: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for expressing an interest in the position of Councillor for Sandy Town Council.

The enclosed Co-option pack contains information to **assist** you with your application.

The pack includes:

- Application form
- Nomination form
- Co-Option Policy
- Ward Map

Please complete the Application & Nomination forms accordingly and return to :

**Town Clerk  
Sandy Town Council  
Council Offices  
10 Cambridge Road  
Sandy  
Bedfordshire  
SG19 1JE**

No later than 12pm on \_\_\_\_\_

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION**

Full Name	
Home address (in full)	
Telephone number	
Email address	
Ward I wish to be considered for (If more than 1 vacancy exists)	

**Please note, this application form will remain strictly confidential. It will be considered by existing Council Members ONLY. It will NOT be made available to the public.**

**Please provide some brief details about yourself**

**Why would you like to join the Town Council?**

**What skills or interests do you have that you think might benefit the Town Council?**

**NOTES:**

**Qualifications for being a local councillor:**

You must be over 18 years old **AND**

1. Be an elector
2. Be a Commonwealth citizen (which includes being a British citizen) or a citizen of the European Union
3. For the whole of the twelve months before the date of the co-option either  
Have resided in the locality or within three miles of it  
**or**  
Have occupied any premises or land as owner or tenant therein  
**or**  
Had your principal or only place of work there (such work need not be paid but must be substantial)

**You are disqualified from being a local councillor if:**

1. You hold any paid office, employment or other place of profit in the gift or disposal of Sandy Town Council, or any committee or sub-committee thereof  
**or**
2. you are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order  
**or**
3. you have within five years before the co-option or since been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and been sentenced to imprisonment (suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine  
**or**
4. you are convicted of offences involving corrupt or illegal practices under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983  
**or**
5. you have been convicted for the failure to register or declare disclosable interests under the Localism Act 2011 (England)

**Please complete the following declaration:**

**I have read the conditions for becoming a Town Councillor and confirm that I am qualified to be considered for co-option.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please also complete the nomination form attached and arrange for two current Members of Council to Propose and Second your application.

**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL  
NOMINATION FORM  
CO-OPTION OF A TOWN COUNCILLOR**

I would like to be considered for co-option to the position of Councillor with Sandy Town Council. I understand that I must seek nomination by two existing Town Councillors (one to nominate me and one to second the nomination).  
The period of service is from the date of co-option to the next local government Town elections or until I stand-down or am no longer eligible to hold the office of Councillor.

<b>APPLICANT DETAILS</b>	
Full name	
Title (please delete as appropriate)	Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other (please state)
Home address (in full)	
Signed	
Date	

<b>PROPOSER</b>
I, _____ (print name) being a serving Member of Sandy Town Council do hereby PROPOSE the above named individual to be co-opted to fill the vacancy of Councillor with Sandy Town Council.
Signed _____ Date _____

<b>SECONDER</b>
I, _____ (print name) being a serving Member of Sandy Town Council do hereby SECOND the proposal for the above named individual to be co-opted to fill the vacancy of Councillor with Sandy Town Council.
Signed _____ Date _____

**Please note, the Nomination form will remain strictly confidential. It will be considered by existing Council Members ONLY. It will NOT be made available to the public.**



# **SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

## **CO-OPTION POLICY**

### **Introduction**

Although the process for co-option is not prescribed in Law, County & District Councils and Local Council Associations provide best practice advice and guidelines. It is especially important that all applicants be treated alike so that the arrangements are seen as open, fair and transparent. The co-option process to be employed by Sandy Town Council is as follows:

Whenever the need for co-option arises, Sandy Town Council will seek and encourage applications from anyone in the Town who is eligible to stand as a Town Councillor. Councillors or parishioners can legally approach individuals to suggest that they might wish to consider putting their names forward for co-option.

The Town Council has resolved that it will advertise the vacancies in the local area via the Town Council noticeboards, the Town Council website and a media release.

### **Co-option Policy**

1. The advertisement to co-opt will include:
  - a. the method by which applications can be made
  - b. the closing date for all applications
  - c. a contact point to obtain more information
  - d. show that further information is available electronically via the website, to include application forms, nomination forms and information about the roles and responsibilities of the council.
2. Existing Members may point out the vacancies and the process to any qualifying candidate(s)
3. Any candidate(s) found to be offering inducements of any kind will be disqualified.
4. Eligibility of the candidate(s) will be confirmed by the Clerk.
5. All eligible candidates shall be invited, by letter, to attend the next full Town Council meeting following the application deadline.
6. If candidates are unable to attend, this meeting will not be rearranged.
7. All members will receive copies of candidate applications, along with the summons to attend the next full Town Council meeting following the application deadline. Candidate applications are strictly confidential.
8. An agenda item is set aside for candidates to make a brief verbal presentation to members, outlining their relevant skills and experience. Each candidate will

be allocated a maximum of three minutes. These presentations will be open to the public.

9. After presentations, members may ask candidates a few questions before proceeding to vote. (If a candidate is unable to attend the meeting, this process will still take place and voting will subsequently be based on this meeting and application form).
10. The Chair will then place the names of candidates in alphabetical order and proceed to vote.
11. The Town Council will appoint the co-opted members by voting according to Standing Orders.
12. Only Town Councillors present at the meeting may vote upon a person to fill the vacancy. Councillors will have one vote per vacancy to be filled.
13. If a Candidate is a relative of a Councillor, that Councillor should declare a prejudicial interest and withdraw from the meeting.
14. A successful candidate must have received an absolute majority vote by those Councillors present.
15. It follows that if there are more than two candidates for one vacancy and not one of them at the first count receives a majority over the aggregate votes given to the rest, steps must be taken to strike off the candidate with the least number of votes and the remainder must then be put to the vote again.
16. This process must, if necessary, be repeated until an absolute majority is obtained.
17. If there is more than one vacancy and the number of candidates equals the number of vacancies, all the vacancies may be filled by a single composite resolution, but if the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies each vacancy must be filled by a separate vote or series of votes.
18. The Council is not obliged to fill all vacancies, but must take steps to advertise for further co-options or hold an election to fill vacancies.
19. Successfully co-opted candidates become Councillors in their own right, with immediate effect, and are no different to any other member.
20. The co-opted members will be asked to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office to agree to be bound by the Local Government Code of Conduct. They may then take their seat at Council and will be appointed to a committee and as a representative to local organisations.
21. Any application can be considered in the candidate(s) absence, but if successful, members would need to agree for him/her to sign the Declaration of Office either before or at the next meeting.

22. As soon as practicable following their co-option, members will be invited to attend an Induction and Training session with the Town Clerk.

## WARD MAP

<http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/upload/38.pdf>

Our ref: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I refer to your application for the position of Councillor. Your application will be considered by Council Members at the next Full Town Council meeting to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

Members would like to invite you to attend this meeting.

If you are unable to attend, it will not be possible to reschedule.

At this meeting, all candidates will be invited to give a short presentation (3 minutes) on why you would like to be a Town Councillor and what you feel you can offer to the community. After presentations, candidates will then be asked a few questions by existing members before proceeding to vote.

If you are unable to attend the above meeting, this process will still take place and voting will be based on this meeting, as well as the application form.

Can you please advise whether it is your intention to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your application and we look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

NEWS  
RELEASE

FROM

**SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ for immediate release

**TOWN COUNCIL SEEKS NEW MEMBER**

Sandy Town Council wants to co-opt a new member onto the council. Expressions of interest are invited from applicants who must be over 18 and be an elector, live or work in or near Sandy and be a citizen of the EU or the Commonwealth. Application forms and more information can be found on the Town Council's website [www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk) in the news section on the front page or by direct application to the Town Council offices at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy.

Completed forms must be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than noon on \_\_\_\_\_.

The Town Council intends to select its new member at a meeting on Monday \_\_\_\_\_.

ENDS

For further information please contact:

Town Clerk  
Sandy Town Council  
10 Cambridge Road  
SANDY  
SG19 1JE  
Telephone: 01767-681491  
Fax: 01767-692527  
Email: [clerk@sandytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sandytowncouncil.gov.uk)

[www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk)

# **SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

## **SO YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TOWN COUNCILLOR!**

No doubt, you will want to know what will be required of you?

Sandy Town Council is a non-political body made up of fifteen Members interested in serving their Town.

1 from Beeston Ward, 5 from Ivel Ward, 6 from Pinnacle Ward and 3 from Fallowfield Ward.

There are at least 3 meetings to attend in every 6 weeks, all of them held on a Monday evening.

**Development Scrutiny committee**

**Policy, Finance & Resources committee**

**Community Services & Environment committee**

**HR Committee**

**Complaints Committee**

**Plus**

**A full Council Meeting**

A calendar of meetings for the year is approved each year in advance. Most meetings start at 7.30pm and usually finish between 9.00pm and 10.00pm.

In addition to attending meetings, you will be asked to investigate Townspeople's complaints, problems and difficulties and may be asked to attend daytime meetings with other Councils and additional Working Groups formed for a specific purpose.

The present Council will remain in Office until May 2019, unless a particular Member resigns earlier or is disqualified from Office for non-attendance at meetings or for any other reason.

That is what it will cost you!

## **WHAT DO YOU GET IN RETURN?**

Often frustration and financially nothing!

You will however, have the satisfaction of showing a practical interest in your community, in helping to see it properly run, its expenditure sensibly controlled and the reward of knowing that you have assisted others.

## **What is a Councillor?**

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward. They are generally elected by the public every four years.

## **What do Councillors do?**

Councillors have three main components to their work:

- decision making
- monitoring
- getting involved locally

## **Decision Making**

Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide:

- which activities to support
- where money should be spent
- what services should be delivered
- what policies should be implemented

As well as attending meetings, councillors should be prepared to get involved in the meetings.

## **Monitoring**

Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services, by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

## **Getting Involved Locally**

As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their community and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.

This may include:

- going to meetings of local organisations
- going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
- taking up issues on behalf of members of the public
- running a surgery for residents to bring up issues

Attending Council meetings is the best way to find out what happens. By law, ordinary people are allowed to be present at most council business but not participate unless the council agrees to this. Most councils have a public participation section on their agenda.



## How Much Time Does it Take Up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about five hours a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a town councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

## Am I Qualified?

You have to be:

- a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and
- on the “relevant date” (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over; and additionally:
- on the “relevant day” a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand; or
- have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area; or
- have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area; or
- during that 12 month period resided in the council area

You cannot stand for election if you:

- are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- you work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area)

Councillors can be automatically disqualified if they do not attend meetings for six consecutive months. To avoid this, councillors need to submit reasons for their non-attendance **and** their council has to accept and minute the reasons for non-attendance.

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Housing						
Issue	Proposed Action	Priority	Timescales	Partners	Progress by May 2015	
Represent residents' views regarding the types and tenure of housing they would prefer to see in any future development (retirement bungalows, starter homes, low cost housing)	Sandy Town Council to ensure that Central Bedfordshire Council and developers are aware of residents' preferences regarding the types and tenure of housing they would prefer to see in and around the Town	Medium	On-going	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Aragon Housing Association Aldwyck Housing Association	Planning applications over the past three years have been relatively modest with the sites close to Tesco and on the former Mellor Beauty land the only two of size apart from small isolated developments (e.g. Engayne Avenue).  Social housing needs have been addressed as far as possible.	

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<p>The impact of housing development on the infrastructure of the Town, for example proposed parking issues, impact on public services (e.g. doctors), impact on Town's character.</p>	<p>Establish effective liaison between Sandy Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council regarding future development plans and infrastructure provision in and around Sandy.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council NHS Bedfordshire</p>	<p>Conservation Area Review S106 compiled. Main town car park less overcrowded since barrier installed and more parking at station. Doctors' surgeries under pressure; Kings Road full. Enforcement of parking and speeding legislation. Bus routes improved in some areas but concerns elsewhere, such as Engayne Avenue. Rail services fluctuate. Too many Peterborough trains not</p>
<p>Sandy Town Council to liaise with Central Bedfordshire Council regarding how future development can be</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>Conservation Area Review S106 compiled. Main town car park less overcrowded since barrier installed and more parking at station. Doctors' surgeries under pressure; Kings Road full. Enforcement of parking and speeding legislation. Bus routes improved in some areas but concerns elsewhere, such as Engayne Avenue. Rail services fluctuate. Too many Peterborough trains not</p>	

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<p>Location of future development if there are plans to expand the Town in future.</p>	<p>sensitive to the character of the Town. Ensure future Section 106 contributions from developers are secured for public services.</p>				<p>stopping at Sandy. Review status of S106 payments.</p>
<p>Town Council to carry out further detailed consultation if further development is proposed to establish whether residents favour development to the North of</p>	<p>Town Council to carry out further detailed consultation if further development is proposed to establish whether residents favour development to the North of</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Long</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire</p>	<p>No future large scale development planned, see LDF. Some office development in the Arcade building but general concerns that all retail outlets currently empty. . Survey did show a majority of residents would prefer future</p>

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	the Town or to the East side of the railway.				developments to the north of the town. Would present obvious traffic concerns with the A1.  More affordable housing a priority.
<b>Youth &amp; Leisure</b>					
Skate park improvements and extra lighting	Carry out additional consultation with users of the skate park regarding improvements they feel are needed.	Medium	On-going	Community Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Sandy Skate Park 2000 Youth Parliament	Skatepark closed down in 2012 because of safety concerns. Volunteer group seeking to reinstate and have done a lot of campaigning. Funding remains the principal issue.  Is another Skate park really the answer? What exactly do young people want?

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<p>Increased youth facilities</p>	<p>Liaise with providers of youth activities to review current youth provision and the potential for increasing the facilities available. Conduct a feasibility study for the provision of a dedicated central drop-in venue for young people. Carry out further consultation with young people about</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Community Youth Parliament Schools Aragon Housing Association</p>	<p>Work done with Skate Park Assoc. Groundworks operating with schools on various projects. Drop-in youth club re-established and open three times per week. A number of local sports clubs targeting young people. Increased opportunities for cricket, football, archery and hockey. Bedford Road sports' pavilion refurbished with much improved and needed toilet facilities. Feasibility study not done but consultation</p>
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	what activities and facilities they would like available in the Town.				with young people on-going and significant. Sport England Grants for new facilities from various sports clubs (cricket, hockey, bowls) with support from Town Council.
<b>Community Facilities</b>					
Provision of facilities to be considered in the Town.	Investigate the possibility of whether Sandy could support any of the following leisure facilities - swimming pool, cinema, ten-pin bowling alley, indoor soft play	High	On-going	Community Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Sandy Chamber of Trade Schools	Indoor soft play area for toddlers provided by private org. Jungle Jim's seems popular. CBC Leisure strategy review and consultation has been completed, indoor swimming pool and cinema unlikely to be feasible for Sandy in near future. Need to try and identify

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<p>Provision of a Town Museum.</p>	<p>centre. Approach potential providers to assess the potential of Sandy attracting these facilities.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going /Long</p>	<p>Community Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Historical Research Group Sandy History Society Sandy Transport Society</p>	<p>'new' facilities that are not replicated in neighbouring towns.</p>
<p></p>	<p>Look into the funding available for the initial set up and the long term sustainability of suitable premises.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going /Long</p>	<p>Community Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Historical Research Group Sandy History Society Sandy Transport Society</p>	<p>Progress limited mainly due to issues of revenue funding. Is station the right location? An obvious priority given the wealth of artefacts already available. More with cemetery archaeological dig?</p>



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Demand for additional community groups or clubs.	Assess the need from Town Plan Survey and canvass support. Identify volunteers from the community to lead groups. Continue to publicise existing community groups and clubs.	High	On-going /Long	Community Sandy Town Council Schools	Good neighbour scheme. STC Website well used. New groups established including Thai boxing and Knit and Natter. Community First grants awarded to a wide variety of organisations in town. Pot of money oversubscribed. Jenkins pavilion now being used more, especially for exercise classes eg spinning and active retired classes. Constant search for new leaders for scouts/guides groups etc. Big gap to fill since the
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						demise of adult education provision in the town. U3A group not yet in town and not well known in the area.
Additional sports facilities.	Conduct further research into the sports that residents would like to participate in. Retain existing facilities ensuring that they remain open and accessible.	Low	On-going	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Upper School	Consultation on CBC leisure strategy. Importantly no facilities lost. Stevenage Leisure offering an increased range of classes.	
Demand for additional baby changing facilities in the Town Centre.	Look into the feasibility of providing additional baby changing facilities in a	Medium	Long	Community Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council	No baby changing facilities in town as yet other than at one town café.	

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	<p>suitable venue in the Town Centre. Encourage services in the Town to provide baby changing facilities if they do not already do so.</p>			Sandy Chamber of Trade	
<b>Environment</b>					
<p>Campaign to reduce general litter and dog fouling.</p>	<p>Audit of worst affected areas. Review of current bin provision. More bins installed. Increase public</p>	High	On-going	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Retail outlets and restaurants Local residents Schools</p>	<p>More litter bins provided. Greater public awareness, especially on dog-fouling. Walkers are Welcome group addressing these issues. Town Council in</p>

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	awareness.				discussion with CBC on the issue of issuing tickets to offenders for litter offences.  Some areas require special attention, e.g. A1 verges and railway station. A1 Roundabout something of an eyesore. Need to establish effective liaison with Amey over central reservation maintenance and litter control.
Improve maintenance of overgrown hedges	Develop a mechanism to enable residents to report issues to the Town Council through the web-site	Medium	On-going	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Local residents Interest groups	STC website upgraded and is used by residents to report incidents.  STC encouraging group and public reports.  Two multi-agency

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Flytipping	and through writing to the Town Clerk. Town Council to encourage responsible parties to improve maintenance. Special action to improve the state of the A1 roundabout.		Highways Agency	Pride in Sandy days held since Town Plan adopted. RSPB has been considering sponsorship of roundabout on A1 – is this a realistic option?
	Inform residents about how to report incidences of fly tipping.	Medium	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Environmental groups	STC website, CBC website Pride In days, police, housing associations – all outlets for residents with complaints. Problems periodical; several vulnerable areas such as the

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Improvements to footpaths and bridleways.	Identify priority areas. Consult/recruit interest groups. Carry out a survey of footpaths and bridleways to identify where maintenance to clear overgrown footpaths, additional signage and improvements to access are required. Develop a	High	On-going	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Ramblers' Association British Horse Riders Association Local interest groups Local residents	Sandhills and specific sites in town centre. Some improvements have occurred; Sandy Greenwheel and Walkers are Welcome (WaW) reviewing access to and use of footpaths around Sandy. STC website has report a footpath page. Local interest groups etc. CBC also surveying paths. More leaflets available such as Jubilee walks. STC providing information into Villager, Bulletin and
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	<p>network of volunteers to assist with on-going maintenance of the rights of way network.</p> <p>Identify existing footpaths that could be upgraded to bridleways and cycle routes.</p> <p>Look at ways to improve the Sandhills as a public amenity.</p> <p>Produce an information leaflet / map on the routes</p>			<p>local guides and organising more guided walks via Tourist Information Centre.</p> <p>Kings Arms AC has been working with CB to improve the environment in Sandcastle Wood by clearing the path, pruning, felling trees etc.</p> <p>Disabled fishing platforms under negotiations - on going.</p> <p>Sandy tourist booklets can now be found across the country.</p> <p>Improvements to sandcast wood on-going.</p>
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	currently available.				<p>Outstanding Health and Safety issues in a number of areas.</p> <p>Sandhills quite well used but difficult to get agreement as to how to develop further as a public amenity.</p>
<p>Provision of more allotments.</p>	<p>On-going search for available land.</p> <p>Approach local landowners regarding possible locations.</p> <p>Reduction of waiting lists.</p>	High	Short	<p>Short Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Sandy &amp; District Allotments &amp; Leisure Gardens Society</p>	<p>Main town allotment site closed at end of 2013.</p> <p>Shortage of available agricultural land discussions on-going with CBC estates on one site, two others investigated and ruled out. New site identified in 2015 and negotiations on-going.</p> <p>Private provisions in Seddington and</p>



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					Caldecote have slightly relieved pressure.
<p>Better access for wheelchairs /pushchairs</p>	<p>Identify problem areas. Agree best options e.g. dropped kerbs or ramps. Prioritise costings. Special attention to A1 footbridge to enable access by cyclists, wheelchairs etc.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Local retailers Highways Agency Sandy Chamber of Trade Wheelchair / pushchair users</p>	<p>Public funding extremely limited CoT survey identified problems and articles in press have identified issues with dropped kerbs etc. Only limited work with kerb and paths completed but the A1 bridge at Beeston has had significant improvements and the Riddy path has been made more wheelchair friendly. Community U-tube video expressing concerns about footways and pavements has</p>

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Green Infrastructure issues.	Extend cycleways to Potton, Gamlingay, Everton and Biggleswade.  Improve bridleways in the areas of Biggleswade Common, the Riddy and Everton Road, Sandcast Wood.  Creation of other community green spaces.	Medium	Medium	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Local landowners RSPB Beeston Wildlife Group Ive Valley Cycle Forum Ramblers' Association	highlighted residents' concerns
Sandy to Potton cycleway remains an aspiration and development work is on going with Potton TC and other agencies. No other new cycle paths currently under consideration.  Extensive site refurbishment at the Lodge; new habitats created together with the construction of a new wooden reception area.  A1 Sandy roundabout remains an eyesore though some improvements with					

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Extensions and improvements to community parklands.	Actions required in relation to: Sandcast Wood Sandhills Beeston Green Fallowfield	Medium	Medium	Medium Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Local landowners RSPB Beeston Wildlife Group	litter removal. Project to develop a community orchard at a site in Beeston is on-going. Ivel Restoration Project now on the horizon and causing concerns. Possible weir removal at New Road. Unknown implications. Exploratory meetings held with EA.
				Adoption of open spaces by TC in Fallowfield with more improvements envisaged. Beeston Green Management Plan in the pipeline. Various leisure options	

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<p>Skate park improvements and extra lighting.</p>	<p>Open Spaces &amp; fringes. For all sites raise public awareness of responsibilities, access rights &amp; restrictions, damage, litter, signage etc.</p>			<p>Schools Community groups Neighbourhood Watch Local interest groups</p>	<p>being considered for Sandcast wood. Safety concerns. Flood concerns greatly reduced in recent years. Despite exceptional weather in early 2014 flood damage limited in Sandy. Community orchard (see above)</p>
<p>Carry out additional consultation with users of the skate park regarding improvements they feel are needed.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Community Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Sandy Skate Park 2000 Youth Parliament</p>	<p>See above Consultations with users rather than with residents. Changes to lighting put on hold since some equipment dismantled.</p>	

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Increased youth facilities.	Liaise with providers of youth activities to review current youth provision and the potential for increasing the facilities available.	High	On-going	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Community Youth Parliament Schools Aragon Housing Association	See above
Conduct a feasibility study for the provision of a dedicated central drop-in venue for young people.	Carry out further consultation with young				

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	people about what activities and facilities they would like available in the Town.				
<b>Retail &amp; Services</b>					
Insufficient range of shops in Sandy.	Undertake research to assess what shops/ retail outlets would be sustainable in Sandy and advertise / market the Town to potential retailers.	High	Long	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Chamber of Trade	Tesco store realised. See below. Town Team and COT have tried various initiatives. Town centre shops come and go and Budgens reduced. No big name to attract shoppers, though large charity store very popular.

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<p>Location of weekly and Farmers' markets.</p>	<p>Conduct a review of the location of these markets. Seek advice from other market towns and experts in stall holding management.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Chamber of Trade</p>	<p>Arcade situation worrying – currently just a shell. Weekly Market Stalls moved to Post Office forefront. Continental markets tried and with some success. Very dependent upon weather and timing. Farmers' markets have never really lifted off and weekly market just about survives. Just not enough people in Sandy on Fridays/Saturdays. Need to rethink Sandy's status as a market town. Periodic high profile markets?</p>
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Demand for a large supermarket / food store in Sandy.	Actively encourage a large supermarket / food store to come to Sandy. If a store comes to Sandy ensure there are good transport links between the store and the Town Centre so that the store enhances rather than damages Town Centre shopping.	High	On-going	Chamber of Trade Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council	Tesco store realised. Usage perhaps not as great as expected at present but will increase with building development alongside and if improved bus services achieved. Tesco building deemed eye-catching and eco-friendly although access road a bit 'tight' Tesco management reported to be 'reasonably happy' with stores fortunes at present.
<b>Work &amp; Education</b>					
Employment / Career	Encourage quality	High	On-going	Job Centre Plus	Sandy Helping Hands.



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<p>Advice.</p>	<p>provision via Schools. Look into the feasibility of the Library being a central base for advertising job vacancies.</p>		<p>Pinnacle Schools Trust Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>POC in Library. Liaison with schools? Unemployment levels in the town have fallen over the past three years. Opportunities locally limited.</p>
<p>Need for further employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Respondents showed a preference for employment opportunities to be provided through small shops and businesses therefore: Encourage the planners to resist the conversion of</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Sandy Chamber of Trade</p>	<p>Some jobs creation since Town Plan adopted eg Tesco, Timbervard, Frontier etc. Business Improvement District status being sought for Sunderland Road estate and could be extended to the centre of Sandy. Chamber of Trade and Town Team still in</p>

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<p>Childcare provision</p>	<p>shop premises to alternative uses. Ensure that there is adequate provision for small businesses in the Town Centre and on the industrial estate.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Churches Together</p>	<p>existence though their activities to promote further employment necessarily limited.</p>
<p>Childcare provision</p>	<p>Promote existing childcare facilities in Sandy and the surrounding area. Seek further market data from providers</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Churches Together</p>	<p>Childcare provision deemed adequate at present. Mini-Explorers relocated. Toy Box, which started in Sandy, now a mega provider in Beds.</p>

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<p>Adult Education Provision.</p>	<p>and the local authority and seek to encourage further provision as necessary.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Further Education Colleges Schools Sandy Library Commercial providers</p>	<p>An area of concern since changes to Adult Education, which used to be extensive in the town. This a nationwide phenomenon due to spending cuts.  Residents need to travel to Bedford for specialist courses.  Some locally run art classes and interest groups.  Significant and widespread concerns at</p>
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	opportunities.				present about the future of secondary education in the town. Some Sandy residents use the U3A group on Biggleswade and Potton Ladies.
LETS.	Research existing LETS / bartering schemes and learn from their experiences. Set up a committee of volunteers to pilot such a scheme in Sandy.	Medium	Medium	Sandy Town Council Community	Sandy Good Neighbour scheme initiated. Other volunteer schemes also operating. No progress with LETS.

**Comment [DS1]:** Actually they had a good response to the initial request so think we could be a bit more generous/

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Traffic & Transport					
Station.	Discuss with First Capital Connect the possibility of improving facilities at Sandy station. Longer ticket office opening hours. Toilet facilities. Enclosed waiting area. User friendly ticket machine.	High	Medium	First Capital Connect Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council	Platform extended, longer trains available. Station triangle created. No waiting area but station does have a café and office retained. Ticket machines improved after large numbers of complaints. Car parking extended but quite expensive.
Frequency of trains stopping and departing from Sandy.	Discuss with Network Rail the possibility of providing a more frequent	Medium	Long	Network Rail First Capital Connect Sandy Town Council	Use of station underestimated? Large cohort of users from the Bedford area.

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	<p>train service in particular more trains stopping at Sandy in the evening.</p>			<p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>Decision to run more fast trains to Peterborough which do not stop at Sandy difficult to justify.  Late night provision considered unsatisfactory at present by some.</p>
<p>Parking at Station.</p>	<p>Look at additional areas near the station that could be used for extra car parking spaces.  Pilot a scheme where individuals rent out their driveways to regular users of</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Network Rail First Capital Connect Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council</p>	<p>More parking available but quite expensive.  Less pressure on nearby roads as car park rarely completely full. A handful of spaces available most days.</p>

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<p>East West Link.</p>	<p>the station. Discuss the cost of car parking at the station for rail passengers. Consideration of whether there should be additional controls and locations for on-street parking.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Long</p>	<p>East - West Consortium Local Economic Partnership Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>Some progress recently. Active discussions now underway. Anticipated opening of Oxford to Bletchley branch. Bedford to Sandy deemed the difficult</p>
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Improvements to bus service.	Conduct a survey to further investigate the demand for destinations and the current timings of the bus services.	Low	Medium	Stagecoach Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council	<p>stretch to deliver.</p> <p>Mixed experiences over the past three years.</p> <p>On-going issues with Fallowfield, Sunderland Road, Engayne Avenue and Tesco.</p> <p>RSPB has own bus-stop plus own service from local communities to the Lodge.</p> <p>Greater Promotion of existing bus services via the TIC and more notices locally.</p> <p>Need to review new bus service to address the Engayne Avenue situation – frequency and timings.</p>
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<p>Increase promotion of existing bus services.</p>	<p>Increased promotion of bus timetables and maps - display timetables at all bus stops and a map of routes in the Town Centre.</p> <p>Make information available on bus services at the Library, Tourist Information Centre and on the Town Council web-site.</p> <p>Display real time</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Tourist Information Centre</p> <p>Sandy Library</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Stagecoach Bus Company</p>	
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	information at bus stops.					
Demand for cycle routes.	Look at the feasibility of providing additional & enhanced routes, particularly between Sandy and Biggleswade, Sandy and Potton, Beeston and Sandy High Street, Potton, Gamlingay and Everton.	High	Medium	Sandy Town Council Sustrans Ivel Valley Cycle Forum Central Bedfordshire Council	Sandy to Potton cycle route in the pipeline for the future. Access to Beeston improved. Sandy Green Wheel should join up with Biggleswade Green wheel and both projects aim to improve cycle routes.	
Pedestrian access across the A1 from Bedford Road.	Lobby for a safe crossing point for walkers and	High	Long	Highways Agency Central Bedfordshire Council	Pedestrian footbridge or other safe crossing at the A1 roundabout remains a high priority.	

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	cyclists across the A1 near the Sandy Bedford Road roundabout.			Sandy Town Council	Beeston bridge improved.
Concerns regarding pavement and road surface condition and overgrown vegetation and hedges.	<p>Make sure that residents are aware of how to report problems as and when they occur.</p> <p>Conduct a comprehensive survey of all roads and pavements to assess and prioritise areas where work may be needed.</p> <p>Ensure that</p>	Medium	Short	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Highways Agency</p>	<p>On-going checking of road surfaces and pavements.</p> <p>Local concern about impact of HGVs in Beeston and in Sandy town centre.</p> <p>On-going arguments about the pros and cons of traffic calming measures on St Neots Road.</p> <p>Potholes a national problem, temporary patches criticised Need for residents to report 'dangerous' situations.</p>

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	residents are aware of how to report issues with overgrown hedges and vegetation. Encourage responsible parties to carry out regular maintenance of vegetation and hedges.				
Lack of available off-street parking in residential areas.	Identify locations where off-street parking is an issue and identify any possible solutions.	Low	Long	Sandy Town Council Aragon Housing Association Central Bedfordshire Council	Keeping town centre parking free remains a priority. Planning applications in Sandy are reviewed by TC and parking implications always considered.
Concern regarding	Identify &	Medium	Medium	Bedfordshire Police	Yellow lines on Bedford

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<p>dangerous parking near junctions.</p>	<p>prioritise locations and look into the feasibility of installing road markings &amp; signage to enable penalty notices to be issued.</p>			<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>Road and Albion Court. Road markings improved in places. Some progress generally, especially on Bedford Road. Police will help residents monitor if asked.</p>
<p>Publicise to residents what is considered dangerous parking, its effects and the penalties that it can incur. Encourage Bedfordshire Police to take action where dangerous</p>					

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	parking is occurring.						
Increase reporting of any problems with street lighting.	Make sure that residents are aware of how to report problems as and when they occur.	Low	Short	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Highways Agency	Website reporting is happening.		
Street Lights	Investigate the possibility of replacing street lights with low energy lights as and when required.	High	Long	Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Highways Agency	This has happened. All replacements are now low energy bulbs. Significant improvements on the Sandy stretch of the A1 and in the town centre.		
Demand for a zebra crossing near St Swithun's School.	Look to install a zebra crossing on the High Street near to St Swithun's	Medium	Long	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council	Not likely to happen in the near future due to lack of funds.		

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	School.				
<p>Concern about the volume of HGVs passing through the Town.</p>	<p>Conduct a survey of HGV traffic including information on operators. Encourage HGV drivers to avoid the Town Centre where possible using appropriate restrictions, signage etc.</p>	High	Short	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council	<p>This is one of the few issues that have probably gone backwards since the Town Plan published; problems at the Black Cat may increase problems in the short term. Other problems on Sunderland Road and on Beeston Green with the Timber yard traffic. Drivers and residents complain that SATNAVs sending HGVs on inappropriate routes. CBC survey undertaken. Community Group SG19 set up to</p>

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Speeding.	Look into the feasibility of reducing the traffic speeds in target roads.	Medium	Medium	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council	campaign on traffic problems in the area.
<p>Insufficient volunteers interested in Speedwatch despite several initiatives by police.</p> <p>A1 cameras only operating intermittently.</p> <p>Local residents keeping records.</p> <p>Money the real issue here.</p> <p>Local campaigns attracting publicity.</p> <p>SG19 group formed to petition for a Sandy by-pass. Long term government review of A1 and possible</p>					



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						motorway status. Group also campaigning on other key issues such as Sunderland and St Neots Roads.
<b>Crime &amp; Safety</b>						
ASB.	Ensure residents are aware of how to report incidences of anti-social behaviour.  Promote Neighbourhood Watch.  Publish phone number & web address of Safer Neighbourhood	High	On-going	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Bedfordshire Police Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	All actions in respect of informing residents how to report ASB carried out:  Two Pride In Days conducted.  Two Op Visions.  Police pod and surgeries.  Neighbourhood Watch still in existence though activities limited in most parts of Sandy and still trying to	

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	Team. Promote Let's Talk Together meetings.				establish a higher profile. STC website. Let's Talk meeting x 2. CBC leaflets.
Varying levels of awareness of existing community safety initiatives operating in the Town.	Raise awareness of the Community Safety group, Let's Talk Together and Neighbourhood Watch.	Medium	Short	Community Safety Group Central Bedfordshire Council Bedfordshire Police Neighbourhood Watch	As above
Demand for an Alcohol-Free Zone in the town centre.	Introduce an Alcohol-Free Zone in the Town Centre. Police to work with Chamber of Trade and local retailers	High	On-going	Central Bedfordshire Council Bedfordshire Police Sandy Town Council Sandy Chamber of Trade	Alcohol Free Zone achieved for the town centre. Alcohol related offending still a problem in line with national trends.

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	<p>to put together a strategy to improve control of alcohol sales in the Town.</p>	High	Short	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council Bedfordshire Police Sandy Town Council</p>	<p>PCSOs retained though this service was threatened in 2013. Police funding cuts continue to impact on local provision. No permanent police presence, community policing team based in Biggleswade . Police pod not currently in use though still located in town. Police attend most STC meetings and bring a written report on recently reported</p>
<p>Police presence.</p>	<p>Discuss with the Police the possibility of providing an increase in Police presence. Ensure that there is a clear process for passing on community feedback through the Town Council to the Police to assist them with allocating</p>	High	Short	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council Bedfordshire Police Sandy Town Council</p>	<p>PCSOs retained though this service was threatened in 2013. Police funding cuts continue to impact on local provision. No permanent police presence, community policing team based in Biggleswade . Police pod not currently in use though still located in town. Police attend most STC meetings and bring a written report on recently reported</p>

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	and directing resources.				<p>crime. PCSOs also liaise with STC regularly. Lack of visible police presence in town, a concern for many residents. Overall levels of crime show a decrease in past 5 years.</p>
Drug issues.	Ask Police, Schools and Publicans to monitor situation and report on successes.	High	On-going	<p>Bedfordshire Police Drug Action Team Central Bedfordshire Council Pub Watch Schools</p>	<p>An on-going issue though various drugs agencies working in Sandy and co-operation between police, local councils, housing associations etc during the summer months members of community see more evidence of drug related activity.</p>

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<b>Health</b>						
Residents' experiences of using the doctors' surgeries in the Town.	Feed information regarding respondents' views on their experiences of using their doctors' surgery to the respective surgeries.	Medium	On-going	Sandy Town Council Doctors' Surgeries NHS Bedfordshire (& its successors)	Kings Road surgery full. Actively seeking larger premises and meanwhile planning additional portakabin facilities. Medical Centre surgery extensively refurbished.	
Residents' experiences of using Dental Practices in the Town.	Feed information regarding respondents' views on their experience of using their respective practices in Sandy. Encourage	Medium	On-going	Town Council Dental Surgeries NHS Bedfordshire (& its successors)	Increased dental provision in the town including NHS service.	

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	dentists to promote their NHS services.					
Residents' experiences of using the pharmacies.	Discuss with the pharmacies the feasibility of extending the opening hours e.g. one late night opening a week and reinstating the repeat prescriptions service where required.	Medium	On-going	Sandy Town Council Pharmacies	Repeat prescription services now available. No real demand identified for late opening hours. Most residents believe the town is lucky to have TWO pharmacies.	
Demand for Good Neighbour Scheme.	Approach BRCC for support in setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme. Encourage	High/ Medium	Short	Sandy Town Council Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity	Good Neighbour Scheme initiated with help from BRCC (Bedford Rural Charities). Initial meeting held with a view to Sandy	

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	<p>residents who struggle to access the hospital to use the scheme once established.</p>				<p>becoming a dementia friendly town as part of national campaign.</p>
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