

COUNCIL DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 21 OCTOBER 2015

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b).	<p>Minutes</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 15 July 2015 and 16 September 2015 be approved and signed by the Mayor as correct records.</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
1(c)	<p>Disclosures of Interest</p> <p>Councillors Marland and White declared personal interests in Item 5(b)(iii) (New West Ashland Fire Service and Police Station Facility) as members of Milton Keynes Development Partnership Board.</p> <p>Councillors Gowans and C Williams declared personal interests in Item 5(b)(iii) (New West Ashland Fire Service and Police Station Facility) as members of the UNISON Trades Union which had expressed a view on the proposal to consolidate services at the West Ashland Site.</p> <p>Councillor I McCall declared an interest in Item 4(b) (National Health Service – Working with Health) as a Local Government Association Peer Reviewer.</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
2(a)	<p>Deputations and Petitions</p> <p>Petitions in respect of a request for a pedestrian crossing at Green Park Drive, Newport Pagnell, membership of the Regeneration MK Project Planning Group and the Buszy to be referred to Cabinet.</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
2(b)	<p>Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>Questions were received from 5 members of the public</p>		

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4(a)	<p>Cabinet – 8 June 2015</p> <p>Minerals Local Plan – Draft Plan for Publication and Submission to the Secretary of State</p> <p>That the Minerals Local Plan: Final Draft Plan be approved for publication in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, and subsequently to submit the plan in accordance with Regulation 22, subject to Appendix 1 - Site Profiles, of the Plan being amended to read:</p> <p>“A3: Northampton Road, Lathbury</p> <p>Specific development requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the proximity to the settlements of Lathbury and Sherington villages the site management plan (see Policy 12) should include satisfactory stand-off and suitable bunding/buffering from extraction and processing operations particularly in that part along Northampton Road nearest to the settlement of Lathbury and this should be at least 100m from the nearest property if bunding of at least 5 m high is used or at least 200m if bunding is not used and the bunding should be in the working part of the site. • The processing plant should be located in an area that minimises visual intrusion and is away from the settlement of Lathbury and other dwellings and should be separated by at least 400m from any dwellings. The processing plant is to be linked to mineral extraction on the site and will not be used to process mineral from other sites. 		Senior Planning Officer

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4(a) (cont)	<p>A4: Lavendon and Mill Farm</p> <p>Specific development requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the proximity to the settlement of Lavendon and Mill Farm the site management plan (see Policy 12) should include satisfactory stand-off and suitable bunding/buffering from extraction and processing operations.” 		
4(b)	<p>Council – 10 June 2015</p> <p>National Health Service – Working with Health</p> <p>The report of the Leader of the Council was received.</p>		-
4(c)	<p>Budget Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2015</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account Business Plan – An Introduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the local MPs and the Housing Minister be informed of the Council’s concern about the implications for the funding of the Housing Revenue Account as a result of the 1% cut in council housing rents over the next 4 years. 2. That the Council engage with the Local Government Association in order to seek the views of other local authorities as to the implications of the 1% reduction to council house rents and whether any united course of action is possible. 		Service Director (Housing and Community)

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4(d)	<p>Constitution Commission – 7 October 2015</p> <p>Council Procedure Rule 15.6</p> <p>That the recommended change to Council Procedure Rule 15.6 be referred back to the Constitution Commission for further consideration as to the legality of the change in respect of Licensing and Regulatory decisions.</p>	Constitution Commission	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
4(e)	<p>Cabinet – 12 October 2015</p> <p>(i) Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan 2015 - 2026</p> <p>That the Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan 2015 – 2026 be ‘made’ pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p> <p>(ii) Investment in Property Fund for Temporary Accommodation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the public and press be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 3 (Information Relating to the Financial or Business Affairs of the Authority) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, in order that the meeting may consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex A - Investment in Property Fund for Temporary Accommodation 2. That the prudential borrowing of £5m to invest in the Real Lettings Property Fund be approved. 3. That an addition to the 2015/16 Capital Programme Resource Allocation and Spend Approval of £5m be approved. 		<p>Senior Planning Officer</p> <p>Service Director (Legal and Democratic Services)</p> <p>Service Director (Finance and Resources)</p> <p>Service Director (Finance and Resources)</p>

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5(b)(i)	<p>Councillor Communication</p> <p>That the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) confirms that for councillors to undertake their roles effectively they need to have access to information; (b) understands that in some cases officers omit to let councillors know of issues in their wards that are important; (c) acknowledges that there is a lack of an effective protocol for officers to clearly understand what issues should be notified to all councillors, those that should be notified to ward councillors and those that should be notified to specific groups of councillors; and (d) asks the Constitution Commission to develop an addendum to the Officer / Member protocol that makes a clear definition for officers about when they should inform councillors of issues in their Ward or across the borough and when councillors can elect to be informed. 	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p>Constitution Commission</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>
5(b)(ii)	<p>Free School Meals</p> <p>With the consent of the Council the motion was withdrawn.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
5(b)(iii)	<p>New West Ashland Fire Service and Police Station Facility</p> <p>1. That the Council notes the proposal to build a new co-located police and fire service facility in West Ashland currently under consultation and that the proposal will merge the current fire station located in Bletchley, the current fire station located at Great Holm and the police facility located in Bletchley into one single facility.</p>		

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5(b)(iii)(cont)	<p>2. That the Council notes the benefits a new facility would have, in particular upgrading the current Bletchley Fire Station, and the cost savings that a new single facility would bring. This Council also notes that due to excellent preventative work and better regulation, call-out demand on the Fire Service has reduced considerably over recent years, and that increasing joint working between public services has the potential to greatly improve service delivery and reduce cost in the future, if done correctly.</p> <p>3. That the Council, however, notes a number of concerns about the current proposal including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that the closure of Great Holm Fire Station will have a significant impact on fire cover in the North, West and CMK areas of Milton Keynes; (b) the impact of the closure of Great Holm Fire Station on Milton Keynes as it grows, in particular the Western Expansion Area with several thousand new households planned, and concerns the proposals do not take into account the future growth of Milton Keynes; (c) the impact of the closure of Great Holm Fire Station on the area of Stony Stratford and in particular the historic timber framed buildings in the town; (d) Fire Service response times from a facility in West Ashland to the areas of Wolverton, Stony Stratford, Two Mile Ash and Loughton, noting the reliance on the A5 of such a facility to reach those areas quickly; 		

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5(b)(iii)(cont)	<p>(d) ask the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley to advise Milton Keynes Council of their future plans for the land currently occupied by their services if the proposals were to go ahead;</p> <p>(e) to work with Thames Valley Police to establish a community facility in Central Bletchley, highlighting possible links with the Community and Cultural Services Review; and</p> <p>(f) advise all Parish and Town Councils of this motion and ask them to make representations to the consultation supporting the Council's agreed position.</p>		<p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Service Director Housing and Community</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>
6.	<p>Ward Based Budgets - 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015</p> <p>The Council noted that between 1 April 2015 and 30 September 2015, 14 Ward Based Budget applications totalling £4,220 had been approved.</p>		-
7.	<p>Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions</p> <p>The Council noted that, in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.4, the Provisions for Special Urgency, as set out in Access to Information Procedure Rule 16, was not used during the period 1 July 2015 and 30 September 2015.</p>		-