

AGENDA

Item No:

1. Procedure

(a) Apologies

(b) Minutes

To approve, and the Mayor to sign as correct records, the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 19 October 2016 (Items 1[a] (**Page 9**) and 1[b] (**Pages 10 to 20**)) and 28 November 2016 (Item 1[c]) (**Pages 21 to 23**)

(c) Disclosure of Interests

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

(d) Announcements

(i) To receive any announcements.

(ii) To receive presentations from:

- Mr J Harrison (Chief Executive, Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust)
- Mr M Webb (Chief Officer, Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group); and
- Mr D Cox (Locality Director [South], NHS England)

2. Public Involvement

(a) Deputations and Petitions

No deputations have been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

Any petitions received will be reported at the meeting.

(b) Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions and provide answers to questions from members of the public.

3. Business Remaining from Last Meeting

None.

4. Reports from Cabinet and Committees

(a) Budget Scrutiny Committee - 15 September 2016

The Capital Programme

“That the Council be requested to consider the establishment of a small Public Realm / minor capital works fund for each Councillor (similar to the Ward Based Budget Scheme) to spend in their Ward, or to consider expanding the existing Ward Based Budget Scheme to include such items.”

(b) Cabinet – 8 November 2016

Council Tax Base and Business Rate Baseline 2017/18 (Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme)

“That the Council adopt for 2017/18 the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as adopted by the Council on 13 January 2016, with amendments that reflect changes to related benefits and to the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations; retaining the delegation to the Corporate Director Resources to make technical legislative changes”.

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet is attached at Item 4(b) (**Pages 24 to 38**).

(c) Delegated Decision – 20 December 2016

LGSS – Invest to Save

“1. That, subject to local approval by Northampton Borough Council (NBC) / LGSS partners, the Council be recommended to agree to the creation of a new Joint Committee for Revenues and Benefits.

2. That upon establishment of the Joint Committee, the Council appoints a member to represent Milton Keynes Council on the Revenues and Benefits Joint Committee.”

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet member is attached at Item 4(c) (**Pages 39 to 43**).

(d) Cabinet – 3 January 2017

(i) Walton Neighbourhood Plan

“That the Cabinet Council be recommended to make the Walton Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.”

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet is attached at Item 4(d)(i) (**Pages 44 to 49**).

(ii) Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan Proposed Modifications

“That the Council be recommended to approve for publication a schedule of Proposed Modifications to the Minerals Local Plan for a six week public consultation.”

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet is attached at Item 4(d)(ii) (**Pages 50 to 57**).

- (iii) Changes to the Arrangements for the Appointment of External Auditors

“That the Council be recommended to approve the opt-in to the sector led body (Public Sector Audit Appointments) for the national procurement of external auditors and ultimately the Council’s external auditors from 2018/19, which is the Audit Committee’s recommended approach.”

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet is attached at Item 4(d)(iii) (**Pages 58 to 66**).

- (iv) Housing Revenue Account Budget 2017/18

“That the Council be recommended to agree that the Housing Revenue Account fees and charges for 2017/18 be set in accordance with the Income and Collection Policy, apart from the proposed exceptions as set out in Annex E.”

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet is attached at Item 4(d)(iv) (**Pages 67 to 84**).

5. Councillors’ Matters

- (a) Councillors’ Questions

Councillors to ask questions of the Leader, a Cabinet Member, the Chair of any Committee, or the Leader of a Political Group on the Council.

- (b) Notices of Motions:

- (i) Councillor Crooks – 22 November 2016

Cambridge - Milton Keynes - Oxford Corridor: Interim Report of the National Infrastructure Commission

“That this Council welcomes wholeheartedly the ambition for Milton Keynes as a part of a Cambridge - Milton Keynes - Oxford corridor demonstrated in the recently published Interim report of the National Infrastructure Commission.

That the Council refers the report to the Administration with a request that its recommendations be fully incorporated in the forthcoming First Draft of the new Local Plan (Plan:MK) with particular regard to the need for more housing, a joined up strategy linking infrastructure and homes, the completion of the east/west rail link, the need to generate a step change in transport options into CMK and the development of an Oxford - Cambridge Expressway.

That the Council also recognises the need to co-ordinate economic and spatial planning across current local government boundaries through the development of new joint governance arrangements.”

(ii) Councillor Walker – 20 December 2016

Milton Keynes' 50th Birthday

- “1. That this Council, in celebrating Milton Keynes' 50th Birthday, wishes to recognise the people who have played a significant role in the development of this amazing city, and notes that:
- (a) Milton Keynes was not just built by bricks and mortar but by the people who had a passion to build something new, something different, something special and most importantly something that built and bound communities together;
 - (b) building Milton Keynes required not only forward thinking architects and planners but also community activists, teachers, nurses, students, entrepreneurs, sportsmen and sportswomen, charity workers, politicians, business leaders and many other outstanding individuals.
2. That the Council in acknowledging this and recognising the exceptional contribution that some people have made to make Milton Keynes such a special place asks the Leader and Cabinet Member responsible to:
- (a) launch a set of awards named 'MK MASTERS' to mark this milestone in our history that will promote the outstanding contributions of the many people who have given their all to build the City and our communities;
 - (b) set up a cross party panel that includes, but is not limited to, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a Senior Officer who will act apolitically as the steering group for the award; the terms of reference for the panel will be to:
 - (i) Set the categories for MK MASTERS' AWARDS and open nominations;
 - (ii) Invite sponsorship from the business community;
 - (iii) Plan an awards ceremony;
 - (iv) To sift nominations and choose the successful candidates; and
 - (v) To put in place a policy so that when Milton Keynes reaches other milestones in the future the Council can again recognise those that have made a positive impact on the City.”

6. Leaders Executive Scheme of Delegation

In accordance with Cabinet Procedure Rule 1.2, the Council is invited to receive a revised version of the Leader's Executive Scheme of Delegation (Item 6) (**Pages 85 to 101**) and note that Councillor Gifford no longer has "Economic Development" listed in her portfolio as this area is now part of the Leader's responsibilities.

The Council is also advised that the Leader delegated the follow authorities on a one off basis:

- (a) Councillor Gifford to make a decision on the sale of the Council Car Park adjacent to the Agora, Wolverton (25 October 2016 and 29 November 2016); and
- (b) Councillor Middleton to defer consideration of the disposal of 10 Bryans Crescent, North Crawley (20 December 2016).

The Leader also decided to take the decision relating to the nomination of The Suffolk Punch Public House as an Asset of Community Value himself (19 December 2016).

7. Membership of Committees – Health and Wellbeing Board

The Council is asked to note the resignation of Councillor R Bradburn from the Health and Wellbeing Board and confirm Councillor D McCall as his replacement.

8. Ward Based Budgets

All Councillors have a budget of £1,000 to spend on Ward based issues, giving them the ability to make contributions to projects carried out in their local communities by local organisations.

For the period 1 April 2016 to 31 December 2016, applications totalling £15,635 have been approved. Details of the applications are attached at Item 8 (**Pages 102 to 104**).

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Background Papers: None

9. Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions

In accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.4, to note that the Provisions for Special Urgency, as set out in Access to Information Procedure Rule 16, and Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(j) were used once during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 December 2016 in respect of the decision to submit an offer to purchase the Network Rail Quadrant Car Park, Elder Gate, Central Milton Keynes as a result of the short notice given by the vendor.

Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 provides for key decisions to be taken within the usual 5 day notice period, subject to the agreement of the Chair/Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Management Committee.

Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(j) provides for the call-in procedure to not apply where the decision being taken is urgent, subject to the agreement of the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee in consultation with the Vice-Chairs. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

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Background Papers: None