

## COUNCIL DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 18 OCTOBER 2017

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b)	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 September 2017 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.</p>	-	-
1(c)	<p><b>Disclosure of Interests</b></p> <p>Councillor Petchey disclosed a personal interest in item 5(b) 1 (Urban Capacity Study) as a member of Campbell Park Parish Council as the Amendment to the Motion included reference to Springfield which was within the Campbell Park Parish area.</p> <p>Councillor P Williams disclosed a personal interest in item 6 (Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Proposal) as an employee of Luton and Dunstable Hospital.</p>	-	-
2(b)	<p><b>Questions from Members of the Public</b></p> <p>Two questions received.</p>	-	
5(b) 4	<p><b>Plan:MK</b></p> <p>Motion lost</p>	-	-
5(b) 1	<p><b>Urban Capacity Study</b></p> <p>That this Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. reaffirms this Council's commitment to the values and principles of Milton Keynes in its 50th year including supporting expansion in line with housing need and the preservation of green open spaces;</li> </ol>	-	-

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5(b) 1	<p><b>Urban Capacity Study (cont)</b></p> <p>2. recalls the responses from residents to the previous consultations on some of these sites and the decision of Council and Delegated Decision on 25 March 2015 and 23 June 2015 to exclude the sites of significant recreational and amenity value to local residents;</p> <p>3. notes with concern both the content and process for the recent Urban Capacity Study which:</p> <p>(a) was published without any reference to the Plan:MK Working Group;</p> <p>(b) assessed many green open spaces within the built up environment of Milton Keynes as developable, ignoring responses to the previous consultation and more recent use of the sites; and</p> <p>(c) caused alarm by suggesting development on current sheltered housing sites such as Springfield Court;</p> <p>4. affirms the role of locally led consultation and decision-making on when sites should be considered for either development or additional protections, primarily through the neighbourhood planning process;</p> <p>5. reaffirms its commitment to saving five of the spaces, and part of the sixth, namely the two sites in Woolstone (UCS072 and UCS073), one site in Springfield (UCS074), one site in Stantonbury (UCS100) and one site in Bletchley (UCS107) and the land incorporating the popular play area from the Springfield 1 site (UCS075);</p>	-	-

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5(b) 1	<p><b>Urban Capacity Study (cont)</b></p> <p>6. welcomes the decision not to include five of these sites as housing sites in the proposed submission version of Plan:MK;</p> <p>7. welcomes the reassurance that the Leader gave at Full Council on 21 June 2017 in respect of the Woolstone and two Springfield sites and previous Cabinet member assurances in respect of the remaining sites;</p> <p>8. regrets the decision of Campbell Park Parish Council to propose the whole of the Springfield Boulevard 1 site for development, contradicting both their own proposed Neighbourhood Plan policies and those of Milton Keynes Council;</p> <p>9. calls upon the Cabinet as the Executive Arm of this Council to urgently confirm its commitment to the removal of all of these sites from development;</p> <p>10. calls upon Campbell Park Parish Council to modify the boundaries of the proposed developable area at Springfield Boulevard 1 (UCS075) to exclude the play area and its surrounding buffer space; and</p> <p>11. calls on the Cabinet to apply to register, the two sites in Woolstone (UCS072 and UCS073), one site in Springfield (UCS074), one site in Stantonbury (UCS100) and one site in Bletchley (UCS107) and the play area and buffer space of the Springfield Boulevard 1 Site (UCS075) as Village Greens under the Commons Act 2006 section 15(8).</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>

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	<p><b>Procedural Motions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, Council Procedure Rule 13.6(c) (Ownership of Motions) be suspended in order that the ownership of the motion remains with the mover of the original motion in respect of Item 4(a) (Approval of Proposed Submission Version of Plan:MK).</li> <li>2. That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, Council Procedure Rule 13.6(a) (Amendments to Motions) be suspended in order that amendments can be moved in respect of Item 4(a) (Approval of Proposed Submission Version of Plan:MK).</li> </ol>	-	-
4(a)	<p><b>Approval of Proposed Submission Version of Plan:MK</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Proposed Submission version of Plan:MK be approved for six weeks' consultation and then submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), subject to the Submission Version of Plan:MK being amended by the additional changes put forward by the Plan:MK Working Group (<b>Annex A</b>) and the words 'this figure will be dependent on the amount of land which would be available should the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Expressway route impact upon this site' be deleted from the second sentence of Paragraph 4.17 on page 5 of the 'Additional Changes put Forward by the Plan:MK Working Group' and replaced with the words 'with the aspiration and desire to actively encourage the inclusion and facilitation of the Oxford- Milton Keynes - Cambridge Expressway, which will provide a much needed infrastructure upgrade for both local residents and the regional economy, Plan:MK recognises that the figure of 9.7% could be reduced depending upon the outcome of future decisions on the alignment of the Oxford- Milton Keynes -Cambridge Expressway'.</li> </ol>		Head of Planning

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4(a)	<p><b>Approval of Proposed Submission Version of Plan:MK (cont)</b></p> <p>2. That this Council notes with concern that legislation, in particular the viability test, prevents the Council requiring the % of affordable housing that the Strategic Housing Market Assessment indicates is needed in Plan:MK.</p> <p>3. That the Council also notes that some developers on some sites are able, and in some cases proactively willing, to offer more.</p> <p>4. That the Council therefore amends the proposed Submission version of Plan:MK, Paragraphs A and C (as corrected by Cabinet) of Policy HN2, and item 11 of table 24 (Monitoring framework) to substitute “at least 31%” instead of “31%”.</p> <p>5. That the Council notes that while endorsing the submission version of Plan:MK together with such amendments as are approved at this meeting, it remains concerned that Government restrictions on planning law prevent the Council planning formally for the number of affordable homes actually required.</p> <p>6. That Council notes that the numbers requiring affordable housing are continuing to rise, so that the reality is that more affordable accommodation than the plan requirement will, in practice, be needed unless there are radical changes in legislation.</p> <p>7. That the Council therefore welcomes the initiatives already outlined by the Administration and calls on Cabinet to continue to progress all avenues available to it to encourage developers, and to use Council and Milton Keynes Development Partnership land, to increase the supply of affordable housing beyond the requirements in Plan:MK.</p>	Cabinet	<p>Head of Planning</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>

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4(a)	<p><b>Approval of Proposed Submission Version of Plan:MK (cont)</b></p> <p>8. That the Council requests the Chief Executive to write again to the Department for Communities and Local Government drawing attention to the restricting effect that current legislation, particularly the “one-size-fits-all” nature of the viability test, and current restrictions on Council borrowing for council housing, are having on the Council’s ability to meet known demand in this area, and urging the Government to reconsider its policies in relation to planning and financing affordable housing.</p> <p>9. That the Council requests the Chief Executive to write to our MPs to ask for their support in this matter, and to relay their response back to Councillors.</p> <p>10. That this Council notes the Government’s project to build an expressway through the Oxford-Cambridge arc, and welcomes and endorses Plan:MK’s wish to exploit Milton Keynes’ central position in this arc for the benefit of our residents.</p> <p>11. That the Council notes with concern that other authorities are now actively exploring routes for the expressway through the surrounding area, and that there is therefore a danger that a route will be chosen that does not bring the maximum benefit to Milton Keynes.</p> <p>12. That the Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to step up work assessing possible routes for both the expressway and the links between it and the existing strategic highway network, and railways in and close to Milton Keynes Borough with options given to, and input from, the Plan:MK Working Group, which advises the Cabinet Member for Place, and bring forward a desired route as quickly as possible.</p>	Cabinet	<p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager / Chief Executive</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager / Chief Executive</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>

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4(a)	<p><b>Approval of Proposed Submission Version of Plan:MK (cont)</b></p> <p>13. That this Council notes that the logic for Policy L7 on the siting of noisy sports is incorrect, and amends it to:</p> <p>“Planning permission will only be permitted for noisy sports provided there is no unacceptable disturbance to farm livestock and wildlife and where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the ambient noise level of the area is already high, and the noise generated by the new activity will not be dominant; and/ or</li> <li>(b) the noise experienced at nearby noise sensitive development, or public rights of way and other areas of informal countryside recreation would not be significantly increased; and/ or</li> <li>(c) there is a need to facilitate sports to ensure that people have the opportunity to play as part of regularly maintaining a healthy lifestyle and noise levels can be effectively reduced by siting and screening”. </li></ul>		Head of Planning
4(b)	<p><b>Making of the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>That the Council makes the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p>	-	Head of Planning
4(c)	<p><b>Making of the Sherington Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>That the Council makes the Sherington Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p>	-	Head of Planning

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4(d)	<p><b>Proposed Housing and Regeneration Restructure</b></p> <p>That the funding for the proposed increase to the Housing Staffing establishment of £200k from the Invest to Save reserve in 2017/18 (one-off funding) and an addition to the base revenue budget of £871k from 2018/19 split over two financial years as follows be approved:</p> <p>(i) £751,000 in 2018/19; and</p> <p>(ii) £120,000 in 2019/205.</p>		<p>Service Director (Financial Management) / Service Director (Housing and Regeneration)</p>
5(a)	<p><b>Councillors' Questions</b></p> <p>(a) Councillor Bint to be provided with details of the Smart City Parking survey.</p> <p>(b) Councillors A Geary and Walker to be offered a meeting with the Leader to receive an update on regional working and devolution issues.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Service Director (Public Realm) / Director of Strategy and Futures PA to the Leader of the Council</p>
5(b) 2	<p><b>Regeneration:MK</b></p> <p>With the consent of the Council, Councillor C Wilson withdrew his motion in respect of the Regeneration:MK.</p>		<p>-</p>
5(b) 3	<p><b>Street Homelessness</b></p> <p>1. That this Council notes that:</p> <p>(a) Homelessness of all types is a significant problem in Milton Keynes;</p> <p>(b) That MK Council believes it is a basic human right to have a safe place to sleep at night;</p>		



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5(b) 3	<p><b>Street Homelessness (cont)</b></p> <p>(c) That austerity cuts to welfare, reductions to funding for services that support people, and a lack of social housing supply has increased the problem of homelessness locally and nationally.</p> <p>2. That this Council further notes the statement given to Cabinet on Tuesday 3 October by the Leader of the Council regarding the provision of services to street homeless people in Milton Keynes.</p> <p>3. That this Council therefore:</p> <p>(a) Supports the wish to provide at least 30 emergency accommodation places this winter from one-off funds, and the ongoing Roughsleeping Strategy consultation and Budget Scrutiny which will identify if a base pressure provision in future years is required;</p> <p>(b) Supports the expansion of the Outreach service, but notes that the money provided by Central Government for the service is not ongoing after 2019;</p> <p>(c) Supports working with partners to establish a service provision specification for street homeless people with high needs, and to submit a funding request to Central Government;</p> <p>(d) Supports MK Council undertaking work to offer street homeless people training or employment, and encouraging businesses and partners to do so;</p> <p>(e) Supports in principle establishing an easy way for the public to donate to homeless charities and end cash begging in Milton Keynes;</p>		

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5(b) 3	<p><b>Street Homelessness (cont)</b></p> <p>(f) Calls on the Cabinet to implement the outlined street homelessness services as quickly as possible;</p> <p>(g) Calls on our Members of Parliament to support the submission to Central Government for the High Needs Street Homeless Support Services; and</p> <p>(h) Calls on the Government to properly fund homelessness services, lift the Housing Revenue Account limit to allow social housing to be built at the levels required, and fund all public services properly ending austerity policies that are the root cause of homelessness</p>	Cabinet	<p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>
5(b) 5	<p><b>The Ability of Councillors to Scrutinise Officer Decisions</b></p> <p>In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2 the Council noted that Councillor C Williams had given notice of his intention to move the motion at the meeting of the Council to be held on 22 November 2017</p>		-
6.	<p><b>Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Proposal</b></p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the establishment of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (discretionary JHOSC with statutory scrutiny powers) to scrutinise the Sustainable and Transformation Partnership (STP) for Bedford, Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes be approved.</li> <li>2. That the model JHOSC Terms of Reference (<b>Annex B</b>) be approved.</li> <li>3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to approve any variations to the Terms of Reference following further discussion with the other constituent authorities, subject to consultation with the Group Leaders in respect of any proposed significant variations.</li> </ol>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager

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6.	<p><b>Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Proposal (cont)</b></p> <p>4. That the requirement for the Joint Committee to be politically proportionate across the constituent authorities be waived.</p> <p>5. That Councillors R Bradburn, Coventry and Jenkins be appointed to represent the Council on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>6. That substitutes for the appointed representatives be agreed at a future meeting of the Council</p>		
7.	<p><b>Membership of Committees</b></p> <p>That the appointment of Councillor Bald to replace Councillor McLean on the Budget Scrutiny Committee and the appointment of Councillor Morris to replace Councillor McDonald on the Health and Adult Social Care Committee be confirmed.</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
8.	<p><b>Ward Based Budgets – 2017/18</b></p> <p>That it be noted that for the period 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017, applications totalling £7,095 had been approved.</p>		-