

COUNCIL DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 18 JULY 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b)	<p>Minutes</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 June 2018 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.</p>	-	-
1(c)	<p>Disclosure of Interests</p> <p>None disclosed.</p>	-	-
2(b)	<p>Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>Four questions received.</p> <p>Response to be forwarded to written questions.</p>	-	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
4(a)	<p>Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report</p> <p>The Council noted the Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report which was presented by the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel.</p>	-	-
4(b)(i)	<p>Unauthorised Encampments</p> <p>That capital funding of £250,000 be made available to improve physical security at sensitive sites to protect against unauthorised encampments.</p>	-	Service Director (Finance and Resources)
4(b)(ii)	<p>Adoption of the Milton Keynes Site Allocations Plan</p> <p>That the Milton Keynes Site Allocations Plan be adopted.</p>	-	Service Director (Growth, Economy and Culture)

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5(b)(i)	<p>Reserves and Local Government Finance</p> <p>That this Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. re-affirms its strategy to maintain a prudent level of reserves to enable major infrastructure and investment for the good of Milton Keynes going forward; 2. deplors the use of Reserves as an electoral gimmick to curry favour amongst the electorate by some at the last local elections; 3. continues to support the ongoing efforts of the Local Government Association in getting a fair Local Government Finance Settlement for all local authorities so that even County Councils do not have to raid over 50% of reserves in some cases to reach a balanced Budget, noting that over 22 Local authorities did this in the Budget round for 2018/19; and 4. maintains pressure on our Local MPs to follow this through so that we can maintain front line services and benefit all residents of the Borough. 	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>
5(b)(ii)	<p>Modern Slavery Charter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council notes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the scourge of modern slavery on our communities; (b) the broad nature of this exploitation, including, but not limited to sexual exploitation; domestic servitude; forced labour; organ removal; forced begging; forced benefit fraud; and forced marriage and illegal adoption, affecting men and women, adults and children, those born in the UK, and those not; 		

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5(b)(ii) (cont)	<p>Modern Slavery Charter (cont)</p> <p>(c) the fifteen arrests in Milton Keynes and Bedford in February, covering five car washes and commends Thames Valley Police for their Hidden Harm campaign and for taking this action in particular; and</p> <p>(d) its community leadership role in setting the highest standards for public life in the borough.</p> <p>2. That the Council resolves to:</p> <p>(a) train its Corporate Procurement Team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply;</p> <p>(b) require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance;</p> <p>(c) challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery;</p> <p>(d) highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one;</p> <p>(e) publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery;</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Head of LGSS Procurement</p>

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5(b)(ii) (cont)	<p>Modern Slavery Charter (cont)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (f) require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery; (g) review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery; (h) highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed; (i) refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery; and (j) report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually. <p>3. That the Council requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Leader of the Council to formally sign the Co-operative Party Modern Slavery Charter; and (b) the Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation to adopt these principles into the Council's procurement rules and procedures. 	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p> <p>Head of LGSS Procurement</p>
6.	<p>Appointment of Statutory Officers</p> <p>1. That the following appointments be confirmed with effect from 1 August 2018 to run until such time as alternative appointments are made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the designation of Michael Bracey as the Council's Acting Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service; 	<p>-</p>	<p>Head of HR</p>

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6 (cont)	<p>Appointment of Statutory Officers (cont)</p> <p>(b) the designation of Victoria Collins as the Council's Acting Director of Social Services;</p> <p>(c) the designation of Mac Heath as the Council's Acting Director of Children's Services;</p> <p>(d) the designation of Michael Bracey as the Council's Returning Officer in accordance with Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983;</p> <p>(e) the designation of Michael Bracey as the Council's Electoral Registration Officer in accordance with Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and</p> <p>2. That the Chief Executive be delegated the ability to nominate statutory officers until such time a meeting of Council takes place to formally consider such appointments.</p>		
7.	<p>Membership of Committees</p> <p>That Councillor McDonald's appointment to the vacancy on the Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Khan replacing Councillor Akter on Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee be confirmed.</p>	-	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
8.	<p>Ward Based Budgets 2018/19</p> <p>It was noted that for the period 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018, applications totalling £1,610 had been approved</p>	-	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager