

## **STATEMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 105 HOUSING ACT 1985 AND SECTION 137 HOUSING ACT 1996**

### **The Council's obligations**

Section 105 of the Housing Act 1985 sets out the legal obligations of a Local Housing Authority to consult with secure tenants on matters of housing management. There are similar obligations under Section 137 of the Housing Act 1996 for consulting with Introductory Tenants. The act sets out how the Council will enable both secure and introductory tenants to be informed of the Council's proposals and how tenants can make their views known to the Council within a specified period.

The obligation applies where any of the Council's secure or introductory tenants, either as a whole or a distinct group, are likely to be substantially affected by a matter of housing management, including changes to;

- the management, maintenance, improvement or demolition of properties let by the Council;
- the provision of services in connection with properties let by the Council;
- the practice or policy of the authority.

### **How tenants will be informed of the consultation and its outcomes**

Milton Keynes Council is committed to ensuring that all consultations are carried out effectively, in an open, transparent and accessible manner.

We will publish details of all consultation arrangements on the Council's website, and a copy of the documents published shall

- (a) be made available at Milton Keynes Council, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ for inspection at all reasonable hours, without charge, by members of the public, and

(b) be given, on payment of a reasonable fee, to any member of the public who asks for one.

The information published will outline the issues, proposals and options being considered and will include information about when the outcome will be available. Where relevant, it will include financial implications of the proposals. An Equalities Impact Assessment will be prepared for all proposals going to consultation.

### **How tenants can make their views known**

A questionnaire/feedback form will be made available in both online and hard copy formats.

Drop in sessions or meetings may be held for tenants to share their views face to face, depending on the proposal being considered.

During any consultation, the Council will consider all representations made before any final decisions on the proposals are taken.

### **Consultation period**

This will depend on the proposals being considered but will usually be 6 weeks. The period for which the consultation will run will be made clear at the commencement of the consultation, along with any rationale for departing from the usual 6 weeks.