



SUMMONS TO THE MEETING OF MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

When: Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 7.30 pm

Where: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ
and on [Youtube](#)

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Director Law and Governance

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Agenda

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Agenda

Procedures

1. Apologies

2. Minutes

(Pages 7 - 28)

To approve, and the Mayor to sign as correct records, the Minutes of the Special meeting of Council and the ordinary meeting of Council held on 23 November 2022.

3. Disclosures of Interest

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

4. Announcements

To receive announcements, if any.

Public Involvement

5. Petitions

Any petitions received by the deadline of 7:30 pm on Monday 16 January 2023 will be reported at the meeting.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions and provide answers to questions received from members of the public by the deadline of 7:30 pm on Monday 16 January 2023 and any urgent questions agreed by the Mayor.

7. Business Remaining from Last Meeting

None.

Reports from Cabinet and Committees

8. Corporate Parenting Panel - 4 January 2023 (Pages 29 - 34)

That Council be asked to agree to dissolve the Corporate Parenting Panel as an advisory Committee of Council.

Councillors' Matters

9. 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.

10. Notice of Motions

The motions are set out in full below.

Amendments to motions must be submitted by no later than 12 noon on 13 January 2023.

10.1 Taking Back Control of Planning - Councillor D Hopkins (Pages 35 - 36)

10.2 Baiting the Sewers - Councillor Trendall (Pages 37 - 38)

10.3 Voter ID - Councillor Crooks (Pages 39 - 40)

11. Scheme of Councillors Allowances for 2023-24 (Pages 41 - 54)

To consider the Scheme of Councillors Allowances for 2023-24.

12. Review of Committee Proportionality and External Committee Appointments (Pages 55 - 58)

To consider the review of committee proportionality and external committee appointments.

13. 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, which 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, was not used during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The Council is also advised that Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(j), which provides for the call-in procedure to not apply with the agreement of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Management Committee, was not used during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Contact: Peter Brown (Head of Democratic Services) - 01908 253671

Background Papers: None

14. Ward Based Budgets 2022/23

(Pages 59 - 60)

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 2022 to 31 December 2022, applications totalling £11,520.12 (Ward Based Budget) have been approved. Details of the applications are attached.

Contact Officer: Siobhan Pitkin (Business Support & Civic Events Manager) - 01908 252426.

Background Papers: None

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Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING of MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL held on
WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Marlow (Mayor)

Councillors Andrews, Bowyer, R Bradburn, Cannon, A Carr, J Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hall, D Hopkins, Hosking, Hume, Imran, M Khan, N Khan, Lancaster, Legg, Long, Mahendran, Marland, McLean, Middleton, Nazir, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Smith, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle.

Alderman McKenzie and Miles and Alderwoman Saunders and 4 members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Balazs, K Bradburn, M Bradburn, De Villiers, Geary, Hearnshaw, V Hopkins, Hussain, Jenkins, McPake, McQuillan, Montague, Muzammil, Oguntola, Raja, Rolfe, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis and Wilson-Marklew

Aldermen Bartlett, Beeley, Bristow, Connor, Coventry, Henderson, Howell, Lewis, McCall and Tallack and Alderwomen Henderson, Irons and Lloyd

CL72 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None.

CL73 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CL74 HONORARY ALDERMEN

Pursuant to the powers conferred on the Council by Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by Section 29 of the Local Government, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009:

Councillor D Hopkins moved and Councillor Marland seconded, that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Mr Andrew Geary, in recognition of the eminent service he had rendered to the Council.

On being put to the vote, the motion was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED -

1. That the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Mr Andrew Geary in recognition of the eminent service he had rendered to the Council.

Aldermen Geary thanked the Council for the honour.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:11 PM



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Alderman McKenzie and Alderwoman Saunders.

Apologies: Councillors Balazs, K Bradburn, V Hopkins, Hussain, Jenkins, McPake, McQuillan, Muzammil, Oguntola, Townsend, Wallis and Wilson-Marklew.

Aldermen Bartlett, Beeley, Bristow, Connor, Coventry, Geary, Henderson, Howell, Lewis, McCall, Miles and Tallack and Alderwomen Henderson, Irons and Lloyd.

CL75 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 19 October 2022 and the meeting of Council held on 19 October 2022 be approved and signed by the Mayor as correct records.

CL76 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor McLean declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 5(b)(iii) 'Income tax on the Earnings of the Retired' and did not take part in the debate on that motion.

CL77 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made announcements in respect of: Remembrance Day commemorations; Christmas lights switch on; Red Bull Racing Home Run event and the safe arrival of Councillor K Bradburn's baby.

CL78

PETITIONS

Councillor D Hopkins presented a petition on behalf of residents who were requesting a regular, scheduled, timetabled public bus service connecting Woburn Sands with Central Milton Keynes.

The Leader of the Council, responding on behalf of Councillor Wilson-Marklew who was not present, indicated that public transport was an issue close to all, particularly those who take climate change seriously and it was a matter of further debate in the chamber later. However, scheduled timetabled services that were currently not economically viable were extremely expensive to run and if commissioned by the council generally did not provide value for money. Often the usership did not match with those who said they would use it. The Public Transport team work with operators to find viable economic routes to run through the private sector but it was not likely that the Council could fund additional bus routes. The team were working to ensure that there was a mix of demand responsive transport and scheduled bus services across Milton Keynes.

In response, Councillor D Hopkins, asked if Councillor Marland would meet with himself, the Mayor of Woburn Sands and officers to discuss ways to find a solution before the final budget setting process was completed.

Councillor Marland undertook to ask the Cabinet member for Climate & Sustainability if she would meet with Councillor D Hopkins and the Mayor of Woburn Sands to discuss the issue further. However, Councillor Marland noted that other authorities also had the ability to precept their residents if they wished to subsidise a service and that funds did not always have to come from Milton Keynes Council.

CL79

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The member of the public was unable to attend the meeting and their question and the response is attached as an Annex to the minutes.

CL80

BUSINESS REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING

None

CL81 REPORTS FROM CABINET & COMMITTEES – CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL – 13 OCTOBER 20022 – FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Councillor M Bradburn (Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel) moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 13 October 2022, which was seconded by Councillor Mahendran:

“That the Council receive the Fostering Service Annual Report 2021/22.”

The recommendation was agreed by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

That the Fostering Service Annual Report be received.

CL82 REPORTS FROM CABINET & COMMITTEES – CABINET – 1 NOVEMBER 2022 – WHITE RIBBON ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Councillor Darlington Cabinet Member (Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities) moved the following recommendation from the meeting of Cabinet held on 1 November 2022, which was seconded by Councillor J Carr:

“That the Council receive a full update in respect of the actions requested in its earlier motion, including details of planned activities associated with the White Ribbon Day”.

The Council heard from three members of the Youth Cabinet.

The recommendation was agreed by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

That the update in respect of the actions requested in its earlier motion, including details of planned activities associated with the White Ribbon Day be received.

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

- (a) Question from Councillor Taylor to Councillor Darlington (Cabinet member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities.)

Councillor Taylor, referring to a recent news article that stated that a resident had tried to contact the Council 152 times after receiving a Section 21 notice to vacate, asked Councillor Darlington, whether she thought it was right for a vulnerable family to have to make that number of calls to get the support they required and would she ensure the proper attention is given to the family in their time of need.

Councillor Darlington indicated that it was not appropriate for her to talk in public about the details of a particular case but explained the process of what the Council does when someone is issued with a Section 21 Notice and the responsibilities of the tenant.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Taylor asked Councillor Darlington, was it acceptable for someone to make 152 calls with little response and whether anything similar had happened to anyone else?

Councillor Darlington indicated that the Council on average has 31 families a week to place in temporary accommodation and this was due to Government mismanagement of the economy and their refusal to get rid of Section 21 Notices and to give renters rights.

- (b) Question from Councillor B Nolan to Councillor Trendall (Cabinet member for Customer Services)

Councillor B Nolan, referring to late night noise from businesses at the Hub, asked Councillor Trendall, could he provide an update as to how the Council was tackling anti-social noise at the Hub.

Councillor Trendall indicated that the Council enforcement teams were working with businesses at the Hub to ensure that they had minimal impact on the residents. Teams had been visiting premises and a joint action group had been established to tackle issues.

As a supplementary question, Councillor B Nolan asked Councillor Trendall, would he agree that businesses in the Hub should respond sympathetically to residents' concerns rather than waiting for the Council to take enforcement action.

Councillor Trendall indicated that businesses should be good neighbours particularly when they are newcomers to an area and the Council would work with all parties to try to negotiate amicable solutions.

- (c) Question from Councillor Rolfe to Councillor Darlington (Cabinet member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities)

Councillor Rolfe, referring to criticism of the Government by the Cabinet member that the Council had to apply for funding every year to tackle homelessness, noted that according to the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing the Council did not apply for funding from the rough sleepers programme for 2021-24, asked Councillor Darlington, could she clarify why she was criticising that the Council had to apply for funding but did not actually take up the opportunity to apply for any?

Councillor Darlington indicated that she was fairly certain the Council had applied for and received funding from the rough sleeping and homelessness programme.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Rolfe noted that at the last full Council meeting the Cabinet member had stated that the Government had refused to impart funding to the Council but that records showed that since 2017 the Government had provided the Council with £22.1m to tackle homelessness, and therefore asked Councillor Darlington, could she confirm that the money received since 2017 was an example of the Government refusing to impart funding.

Councillor Darlington indicated that the Council was not just given funds by the Government they had to put in an application each year for funding for homelessness projects and that the Councillor was obviously misinformed on the information and that he was more than welcome to talk to her or the relevant officers to understand what was going on in the city.

- (d) Question from Councillor Mahendran to Councillor J Carr (Cabinet member for Tackling Social Inequalities)

Councillor Mahendran, referring to the difficult last few years that children had experienced, asked Councillor J Carr, if she could inform Councillors about how they might encourage organisations in their ward to apply to run homework clubs.

Councillor J Carr indicated that there was now a homework club in most areas of the city however there were still gaps in provision. It was noted that there was a £1,000 start up grant available for organisations that could provide children with a meal, socialisation and homework support.

- (e) Question from Councillor D Hopkins to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor D Hopkins, referring to the shortfall in the provision of recreation and sportsgrounds in SLA areas, asked Councillor Marland, if he would provide an undertaking to reinstate that lost provision into the South East Milton Keynes development area, in addition to what had already been identified for that area.

Councillor Marland indicated that the Council had fought hard so that in the South East Milton Keynes SPD the provision of playing fields was separate to other green areas such as the green buffer. It was noted that there were two sites allocated for playing fields and Councillor Marland undertook to speak to developers to ensure the maximum area of provision was provided within the planning application.

As a supplementary question, Councillor D Hopkins asked Councillor Marland, if would agree to meet with himself and the Chairman of Woburn and Wavendon Lions to find out more details about the shortfall in playing field provision.

Councillor Marland indicated that he would take advice from officers as to whether it was appropriate to meet with external parties given that there may soon be a live planning application and reiterated that he would do all he could to encourage the right amount of playing fields to be provided in any planning application.

- (f) Question from Councillor A Carr to Councillor R Bradburn (Cabinet member for Economy and Culture)

Councillor A Carr, referring to the fact that the next Small Business Saturday was on the 3 December, asked Councillor R Bradburn, if he would provide an update as to what the Council was doing to support the event and generate awareness?

Councillor R Bradburn indicated that the economic team were supporting this as it was an opportunity to promote local businesses and encourage local residents to shop locally. The team would use marketing and social media to highlight businesses across the city.

- (g) Question from Councillor Lancaster to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor Lancaster, referring to the fact that the Tattenhoe community does not have a single scheduled bus service that comes through the area, asked Councillor Marland, what the Council would do to help those residents who depend on these traditional bus services and would the Cabinet member commit to restoring a scheduled bus service into Tattenhoe as soon as possible.

Councillor Marland indicated that there was a debate scheduled later as to what the Council could do to improve vital public transport services however, as noted previously the Council is under extreme financial pressure and so was unable to commit that the Council could fund bus services in every part of the city. Councillor Marland noted that the local parish council was able to propose an amendment to their budget to fund private scheduled bus services.

- (h) Question from Councillor D Hopkins to Councillor Trendall (Cabinet member for Customer Services)

Councillor D Hopkins, referring to the number of roads that were wholly or part closed in or adjacent to the Danesborough Ward, asked Councillor Trendall, was it not possible to coordinate more effectively amongst our own departments and Highways England so that an area wide impact analysis was undertaken before agreeing to these mass highways works.

Councillor Trendall indicated that if the Councillor would send the list of road closures to him he would undertake to provide an update after he had met with officers.

CL84

COMMUNITY, TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Hall moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Raja:

- “1. That this Council:
 - a) notes the good work undertaken by Community, Town and Parish councillors in communities across Milton Keynes;
 - b) acknowledges that this work is predominantly on a voluntary basis and can often go unrecognised;
 - c) understands the valuable role played by Community, Town and Parish Councils across Milton Keynes and formally places on record its appreciation; and
 - d) asks the Chief Executive to write to our County and City Parish Associations (BMKALC and MKALC) to formally pass on the recognition and thanks of Milton Keynes City Council, alongside the details of this motion.
2. That this Council:
 - a) notes that around half of its Parishes have elections in May 2023¹, and that at the last ordinary elections of these Parishes in May 2019, only 9 of 61 areas were contested, although 208 of 221 vacancies were filled;
 - b) understands the difficulty in attracting residents to stand for election to Community, Town and Parish Councils, but expresses concern about the potential number of uncontested parish elections in 2023; and
 - c) asks the Returning Officer and local parish associations to consider what practical and reasonable steps could be taken to encourage and support more Milton Keynes residents to stand for election for their local Community, Town and Parish Councils.”

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Councillor Hume moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Smith:

The motion, if amended would read:

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 - d) notes that around half of its Parishes have elections in May 2023², and that at the last ordinary elections of these Parishes in May 2019, only 9 of 61 areas were contested, although 208 of 221 vacancies were filled;
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The amendment was accepted.

The motion was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED –

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CONTROL OUR BUSES

Councillor Trendall moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Hume:

- “1. That this Council notes that:
 - a) the withdrawal of bus services in Milton Keynes by the private and commercial operators have negatively impacted many citizens who rely on the service to attend work, school, and vital medical appointments, for many buses are crucial as the ongoing cost-of-living crisis continues to worsen;
 - b) bus services play a crucial role in reducing our carbon emissions, pollution, and congestion across the city;
 - c) the prohibition placed on us by the Government prevents Milton Keynes City Council from effectively managing our own bus services; and
 - d) the privatisation of public transport is a failed experiment based upon Conservative ideology rather than social need, which places profit before people.
2. That this Council resolves to request the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council to write to Secretary of State for Transport and request the repeal of, or amendment to, the Transport Act 1985 to allow Milton Keynes to:
 - a) operate its own buses either as a city-wide service, or concurrent with other bus operators; and
 - b) to do so without any preconditions, including but not limited to, having an elected Mayor.”

Councillor Taylor moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Nazir.

The motion, if amended would read:

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 - c) the prohibition placed on us by the Government prevents Milton Keynes City Council from effectively managing our own bus services; and
 - d) the privatisation of public transport is a failed experiment based upon Conservative ideology rather than social need, which places profit before people;
 - e) bus services, whether they are privately or publicly run, cost money to operate;
 - f) unless the fares received cover the cost of running the service money would have to be found from the public purse;
 - g) the cost of fuel, the price of vehicles, maintenance and the wage paid to drivers of public transport have all increased significantly over the last few years;
 - h) since the COVID lockdowns, people have found different ways of working and living that have reduced demand for bus services meaning routes that were viable are now running at a loss and are in need of financial support no matter who the operator is or they will cease; and
 - i) this council is proposing a deficit budget for the second year running using reserves to fund day to day expenditure and has no spare cash apparently to setup and run a loss making bus service, even if they had the powers to do so.
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The Taylor Amendment was not accepted.

Councillor Geary moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Hosking.

The motion, if amended would read:

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2. That this council agrees that the apparent utopia that if only things were publicly operated everything would be amazing, is just a figleaf to cover the embarrassment that the Labour Lib Dem administration has done a poor job of managing public transport and are now receiving political ‘heat’ for this and this, is the real driver of this motion.
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The Geary amendment was not accepted.

With the consent of the meeting the council waived Council Procedure Rule 13.6 and agreed to allow Councillor Taylor to remove clause 1(i) from his amendment.

On being put to the vote the Taylor amendment (minus clause 1(i)) was won.

On being put to the vote the Geary amendment was lost.

On being put to the vote the substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

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2. That this Council resolves to request the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council to write to Secretary of State for Transport and request the repeal of, or amendment to, the Transport Act 1985 to allow Milton Keynes to:
- a) operate its own buses either as a city-wide service, or concurrent with other bus operators; and
 - b) to do so without any preconditions, including but not limited to, having an elected Mayor.

CL86

INCOME TAX ON THE EARNINGS OF THE RETIRED

Councillor R Bradburn moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Trendall:

- “1. That this Council notes the effect of the cost-of-living crisis, which disproportionately impacts the retired, many of whom live on fixed incomes e.g., pensions and that:
- a) this forces many retirees to return to work, or continue working, after they should have retired;
 - b) those who do work, despite a lifetime of work and contributing to the state, find themselves having to pay income tax on their earnings; and
 - c) the government, whilst helping business, ignores this growing section of our community which we will all be part of one day.
2. That this Council resolves to request the Leader and Chief Executive of the council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to call for a change to the PAYE system so that:
- a) the Personal Allowance for those aged 66 years old or over, be increased to £21,000 per annum; and
 - b) thereafter, this allowance will be varied in line with any budget changes to other personal allowances.”

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

1. That this Council notes the effect of the cost-of-living crisis, which disproportionately impacts the retired, many of whom live on fixed incomes e.g., pensions and that:
 - a) this forces many retirees to return to work, or continue working, after they should have retired;
 - b) those who do work, despite a lifetime of work and contributing to the state, find themselves having to pay income tax on their earnings; and
 - c) the government, whilst helping business, ignores this growing section of our community which we will all be part of one day.
2. That this Council resolves to request the Leader and Chief Executive of the council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to call for a change to the PAYE system so that:
 - a) the Personal Allowance for those aged 66 years old or over, be increased to £21,000 per annum; and
 - b) thereafter, this allowance will be varied in line with any budget changes to other personal allowances.”

CL87

URGENT MOTION – CONSTITUENCY NAMES

Councillor Bowyer moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Marland:

- “1. That this Council notes:
- a) the third and final consultation phase of the 2023 review of parliamentary constituencies in England, which closes on 5 December 2023;
 - b) revised proposals include name changes of proposed constituencies from Newport Pagnell to Milton Keynes North, and Milton Keynes to Milton Keynes South; and
 - c) the proposed constituency for Buckingham and Bletchley, which includes Milton Keynes City Council Wards of Bletchley East, Bletchley West, Bletchley Park, and Tattenhoe, and which make up 55.6% of electorate, based on the electoral registers used for the review.

2. That this Council believes that reflecting the name of Milton Keynes in all three constituencies would be administratively logical and easier for residents to understand.
3. That this Council resolves to make representations to the Boundary Commission for England, via the Returning Officer that:
 - a) the proposed constituency name for Milton Keynes North is appropriate;
 - b) the proposed constituency name for Milton Keynes South, should be revised to Milton Keynes Central; and
 - c) the proposed constituency name for Buckingham and Bletchley, should be revised to Milton Keynes South and Buckingham.“

The motion was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED –

1. That this Council notes:
 - a) the third and final consultation phase of the 2023 review of parliamentary constituencies in England, which closes on 5 December 2023;
 - b) revised proposals include name changes of proposed constituencies from Newport Pagnell to Milton Keynes North, and Milton Keynes to Milton Keynes South; and
 - c) the proposed constituency for Buckingham and Bletchley, which includes Milton Keynes City Council Wards of Bletchley East, Bletchley West, Bletchley Park, and Tattenhoe, and which make up 55.6% of electorate, based on the electoral registers used for the review.
4. That this Council believes that reflecting the name of Milton Keynes in all three constituencies would be administratively logical and easier for residents to understand.
5. That this Council resolves to make representations to the Boundary Commission for England, via the Returning Officer that:
 - a) the proposed constituency name for Milton Keynes North is appropriate;

- b) the proposed constituency name for Milton Keynes South, should be revised to Milton Keynes Central; and
- c) the proposed constituency name for Buckingham and Bletchley, should be revised to Milton Keynes South and Buckingham.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:52 PM

[The recording of this meeting is available to view on the Council's YouTube Channel at: https://www.youtube.com/user/MiltonKeynesCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/user/MiltonKeynesCouncil)

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WRITTEN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTION

James Darling to Councillor Trendall

“The residents of Newport Pagnell are currently enduring abnormal levels of traffic, during both the AM and PM ‘rush hours’, due to the closure of the Tickford Bridge.

The A509 toward junction 14 only recently reopened, and yet we received news last month that Willen Road roundabout will soon be subject to four way traffic lights, and further road closures. This is all before the thousands of homes to be built on MK East bring even more traffic.

Residents are left asking themselves when this misery will end, so my question is; are residents of Newport Pagnell just unlucky when it comes to traffic disruption, or could more be done by the Council to avoid this ongoing suffering for residents.”

Thank you for your question.

There are three distinct threads to your question; Tickford Bridge, the A509 and the Willen Road Roundabout. I’ll deal with each of these in turn, and for the record, the councillor to whom you refer has not contacted me about any of these issues.

I am pleased to say that the Works on Tickford bridge to renovate and improve the structure, ensuring its ongoing longevity and safety, are drawing to a close and due to finish Friday, with a few footway works then being undertaken after the road has reopened. The exact timing of those works was determined by Heritage England as it their monument and took slightly longer than planned due to environmental issues. Once reopened the traffic pressures on Newport Pagnell will be eased and normal flows resumed.

Similarly the duration of temporary closure on the A509 that took place back in August was unavoidable, and was a result of Anglian water works taking significantly longer than originally estimated by their engineers. Originally a short permission was given for the works to undertake a new connection in preparation for the MKE development, however once commenced it was discovered that significant damage had occurred to the mains supply which could potentially worsen and affect the water supply to Newport Pagnell itself, so the decision was taken to repair the pipe while all the equipment was in place, which I’m sure you would agree, that whilst a significant inconvenience at the time, was far more suitable that potentially risking water supplies or having to reclose the road at a later date.

Finally, on your point regarding the potential temporary signalised control around the Willen Road Roundabout, these controls have not yet been agreed and alternative solutions are being considered, however if they do go ahead, they will form part of the wider traffic control measures that will be introduced in early 2023 to facilitate the roads infrastructure improvement program associated with the MKE expansion development.

Whilst the works will unfortunately cause disruption on the network , not only for Newport Pagnell residents, but for all users, it is part of the wider program to upgrade and improve the Milton Keynes road network making it resilient and suitable for the expected future traffic conditions for many years to come.

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Agenda Item 4

Reports from Cabinet and Committees

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a) Corporate Parenting Panel – 4 January 2023

Proposal to Dissolve Corporate Parenting Panel as a Committee of Council

That Council be asked to agree to dissolve the Corporate Parenting Panel as an advisory Committee of Council.

The Report is attached at Item 4(a) (**Pages 30 – 33**).

Corporate Parenting Panel report



4 January 2023

PROPOSAL TO DISSOLVE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL AS A COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Committee Chair | Councillor Marie Bradburn |
| Cabinet Member | Councillor Zoe Nolan Cabinet Member for Children and Families |
| Report Sponsor | Mac Heath Director of Children's Services |
| Report Author | Sharon Godfrey Head of Corporate Parenting |

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| Exempt / confidential / not for publication | No |
| Council Plan reference | Tackling social Inequalities: delivering excellent services for our children and young people |
| Wards affected | All wards |

Executive summary

The Corporate Parenting Panel (CPP) is a meeting that supports the Council to ensure that it is fulfilling its duties towards those children looked after corporately by Milton Keynes City Council. CPP has a duty to oversee the services provided to children and young people in care. Currently Milton Keynes CPP is a Committee of Council which must by law meet in public. In most Councils, the CPP is not held as a public council meeting, but privately, to enable a wider number of partners to be involved, alongside looked after children and young people for whom it would not be appropriate to be part of a public meeting.

By invitation, our Corporate Parenting functions in Milton Keynes were recently scrutinised as part of a Local Government Association (LGA) Diagnostic Review. From this review a clear recommendation, as part of the improvement plan for Children's Services, was that the Milton Keynes' CPP should be dissolved in its current form and reconstituted as a non-Council Committee to enable it to meet without being in public. The CPP considered this matter in their meeting on 7 December 2022 and were minded to recommend to Council this proposal to enable this different approach with the aim of strengthening the effectiveness of our Corporate Parenting role and enable a stronger voice of our children in care and care leavers in our decision making.

1. Proposed decision

- 1.1 That a referral be made to Council to approve the dissolution of the Corporate Parenting Panel as an advisory Committee of Council.
- 1.2 That a referral be made to the Cabinet member to constitute a new body comprising a broader range of partners, maintaining political membership on a 2:2:2 basis, with the Cabinet member additionally sitting as a non-voting member, in order to enable a stronger development in the role of responsible Councillors and partners as Corporate Parents.

2. Why is the decision needed?

- 2.1 Currently, CPP is an advisory Committee of Council which means that its membership is predominantly made up of Councillors, it must be politically balanced, and its governance arrangements are driven by statute, regulation and the Council's Procedure Rules. Most fundamentally it must therefore meet in public, although press and public can be excluded for particular items.
- 2.2 In order to strengthen its effectiveness in ensuring the Corporate Parenting responsibilities for Children in Care and Care Leavers, it is recommended that CPP make a formal referral to Council requesting the Committee in its current form be dissolved. It would then be proposed that a new body and governance would be appointed and agreed by the Executive.

3. Implications of the decision

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| Financial | | Human rights, equalities, diversity | |
| Legal | Y | Policies or Council Plan | Y |
| Communication | | Procurement | |
| Energy Efficiency | | Workforce | |

a) Legal and procedural

The implications of the decision to dissolve CPP are predominantly procedural. Although Corporate Parenting is an executive function, CPP is constituted under s102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as a non-statutory 'advisory' Committee of the Council. As is set out in the executive summary of this report, it is anomalous for Corporate Parenting to be a Committee of Council, with only two of our seventeen 'family authorities' operating similar arrangements (Peterborough and Thurrock).

If the Council were minded to dissolve CPP as a Committee it would mean that the number of committee seats overall, would be reduced and an administrative review of the Council's political balance would be required to ensure overall balance of the remaining seats across committees. This could be resolved at the same Full Council meeting, should the decision be confirmed.

Moving forward it is proposed that a new body is constituted, which effectively operates as an advisory group or board to the Cabinet / Cabinet member and officers, with more focus on the Council's advocacy role and engagement with young people in care. It would have a developed Terms of Reference and retain cross party membership. As the successor body would not be constrained by the usual governance associated with formal Council Committees its meetings would not be held in public, but it is anticipated that agendas and minutes would still be published.

b) Financial

There are no immediate financial implications of this decision and whilst the Terms of Reference to a successor body are yet to be decided, it is anticipated that the officer resources required to serve the group would be broadly similar as to those of CPP now.

Currently, the Council's Scheme of Councillors Allowances includes provision for the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) to the Chair of CPP. Once a decision is made about the Terms of Reference for the successor body, the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel would be asked to provide a recommendation as to whether the payment of an SRA to the Chair is appropriate moving forward.

4. Reason for decision

- 4.1 In October/November 2021 H.M. Ofsted inspected Milton Keynes through an Inspection of Local Authorities Children's Services (ILACS) with a finding that the experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers 'Requires Improvement to be Good'. A subsequent improvement plan was therefore submitted, and development work has been progressing. Part of this plan included the commissioning of an LGA Corporate Parenting Diagnostic to review our progress, and to submit recommendations for our improvement journey.
- 4.2 The diagnostic review was led by an experienced Director of Children's Services of a 'Good' Authority and a long-standing Lead Member for Children's Services from an Outstanding Authority. The review included the observation of a Corporate Parenting Panel and the interviewing of key offices and Councillors to understand our approach to Corporate Parenting.
- 4.3 The initial feedback received from the Diagnostic review has been largely positive and they considered in MKCC there is an 'energy and commitment' alongside the 'ambition and intention' to be the very best corporate parent. However, there were areas for consideration which included 'the need to encourage stronger constructive challenge at CPP, with high expectations/high challenge for children; supporting an open and honest culture and strengthening the effective voices of cared for and care experienced children'.
- 4.4 A key recommendation from this was for the CPP to return to being a private meeting. This, it considered, would allow higher engagement with our children and young people whilst enabling more open and forensic challenge.

- 4.5 The LGA peer review were clear that the change to the meeting in no way dilutes the democratic oversight or scrutiny of the process, as the Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee will continue, with the critical role they have in relation to Children’s Services and ensuring Corporate Parenting Principles are owned and acted upon.
- 4.6 Whilst the current practice is for the Committee to resolve to exclude the public and press when hearing from young people, this requires that several procedural steps are undertaken, including giving notice of this intention and the completion of a public interest test. This practice also means that the voice of young people is heard either via video link or pre-recorded presentations, or in some cases in person, but in all cases only for the agenda items where the public and press have been excluded, as opposed to being able to contribute for the duration of the meeting.

5. Alternatives

- 5.1 To take no further action and the CPP to continue as a Committee of Council and open to the public. This is not recommended, as alongside the view of the CPP and the recommendation of the LGA Diagnostic, this is unlikely to enable further improvement at the pace and depth that could help MKCC become the best Corporate Parent it can be for Children in Care and Care Leavers. Further, this change would enable the stronger engagement and voice of children, young people and partners that may be difficult to achieve in its current form.

6. Timetable for Implementation

- 6.1 If approved, the new body and governance could be approved without delay and all arrangements in place for the next CPP in March 2023, to progress as a private executive advisory meeting with clear Terms of Reference and Statement of Purpose.

List of Annexes and Background papers

None

1. Taking Back Control of Planning

Councillor D Hopkins (17 November 2022)

- “1. That this Council notes plans to build a significant number of new homes in the next twenty-seven years as part of its MKFutures 2050 ambitions, and the impact this will have on our existing residents, particularly while the development is taking place.
1. That this Council recognises its responsibility to minimise and mitigate impacts of construction, such as increased traffic disruption, noise pollution and pressure on our already stretched infrastructure.
 2. That the Director of Planning and Placemaking be asked to ensure that the Council’s approach to the assessment of construction management plans is sufficiently robust to offer enforceable protection for existing residents and to ensure that Milton Keynes remains a great place to live and work.
 3. That Cabinet be asked to reiterate their commitment that Milton Keynes City Council will take back control of planning by placing MK residents, their communities and MK business first in each and every decision relating to draft policies and other strategic work, relating to the new City Plan.
 4. That Planning Cabinet Advisory Group be asked to ensure their work programme is sufficient to scrutinise and assess the relevant studies that will form part of the evidence base for the new City Plan in a way that deliver on the Cabinet’s commitment to take back control of planning.”

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2. Baiting the Sewers

Councillor Trendall (21 December 2022)

- “1. That this Council believes that:
- a) in common with all large cities Milton Keynes has a rodent population which is problematic to control in some areas;
 - b) control of the rodent population is a complex problem, which requires a multi-track approach, for which there is no one solution; and
 - c) whilst the efforts of the City Council have had some success, a concerted efforts by all the parties involved is essential for a permanent reduction of the rodent population.
2. That this Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive of the Council to write to the Chief Executive of Anglian Water to request:
- a) that the baiting of the sewers which they are responsible for be reinstated; and
 - b) that data concerning where baiting is taking place, and the outcomes resulting from that, be shared with the City Council’s Environmental Heath function in order that a co-ordinated approach to the matter can be taken.”

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3. Voter ID

Councillor Crooks (3 January 2023.)

- “1. That this Council, mindful of its previous opposition to Voter ID which it still believes discriminatory and unnecessary in Britain, notes:
 - a) how many people were turned away from voting when first it was required in Northern Ireland in 1985; and
 - b) that regulations and associated guidance is still being laid and drafted less than six months prior to the elections, which is in contravention of the established and accepted Gould Principle.
2. That this Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Government Minister responsible, to:
 - a) support the call of the Chair of the Local Government Association for new requirements to be introduced after elections in May 2023 so as to allow time for more publicity and staff training; and
 - b) call for a wider range of Photo ID to be permitted.
3. That this Council:
 - a) notes that a significant national communications campaign run by the Electoral Commission which will support key changes being introduced in May 2023, will commence from around the 9 January 2023, but that resources to support local campaigns were made available just days before Christmas 2022;
 - b) notes that the national application portal for residents to apply for Voter Authority Certificates will not be available until the 16 January 2023 at the earliest; and
 - c) requests that the Council's Returning Officer arrange for a comprehensive and proactive communication and resources programme, to supplement the national communications campaign as soon as is possible.”

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Council Report



18 January 2023

SCHEME OF COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES 2023/24

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| Exempt / confidential / not for publication | No |
| Council Plan reference | Not in Council Plan |
| Wards affected | All wards |

Executive summary

Under the terms of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council is required, before the beginning of each year, to agree the scheme for the payment of basic allowance to each member of the Authority to each member of the Authority for that year.

The Scheme must also make provision for special responsibility allowances, dependants' carers' allowance, travel and subsistence allowance, and co-optees' allowance, if an authority intends to make such payments.

The proposed Scheme of Allowances for 2023/24, is based on the recommendations of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) in 2021/22 and subsequently recommendations made in November of 2022. The proposed, draft scheme is attached at Annex A.

The adopted arrangements for annual indexation are based on the percentage pay award for officers in the preceding year. However, the 2022/23 pay settlement for officers was based on a flat rate, as opposed to a percentage rate, so the Council's IRP was convened to make a further recommendation as to indexation for 2023/24.

1. Decision/s to be made

- 1.1 That the Scheme of Councillors' Allowances attached at Annex A to this report be agreed to take effect from 1 April 2023.
- 1.2 Should Corporate Parenting Panel be dissolved as a Committee of Council, the SRA for Chair of that Committee should cease immediately and once a successor body has been constituted the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to make a further recommendation as to whether the payment of an SRA to the Chair would be appropriate, and if so at what level.
- 1.3 That the recommendations of the IRP to index allowances by 4.69% be noted and agreed for 2023/24 only.
- 1.4 That the recommendations of the IRP that (where paid) Town, Parish and Community Councils, allowances should also be indexed by 4.69% for 2023/24 only, be noted.

2. Why is the decision needed?

- 2.1 The proposed Scheme of Allowances for 2023/24 is attached at Annex A to this report. Under the terms of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council is required, before the beginning of each year, to agree the scheme for the payment of basic allowance to each member of the authority for that year.
- 2.2 The scheme must also make provision for the following allowances if an authority intends to make such payments in respect of the year:
 - (a) special responsibility allowance;
 - (b) dependants' carers' allowance;
 - (c) travelling and subsistence allowance; and
 - (d) co-optees' allowance.
- 2.3 Under the terms of 2003 regulations, where utilising an allowance scheme with indexation, the Council is obliged to appoint an Independent Remuneration Panel to review, comment and advise on the level of allowances paid to councillors at least every four years. The Council last appointed an Independent Remuneration Panel in 2021/22 and adopted its recommendations.
- 2.4 An outstanding question arises as to the ongoing payment of an allowance for the Chair of Corporate Parenting Panel, given the proposal to dissolve this body as a committee of Council. The background to this matter is considered in a separate report (item 4(a)). A subsequent recommendation will be made to Council in March 2023 by the IRP.

Indexation

- 2.5 It was not possible to index most allowances using the methodology previously agreed by Council utilising the percentage officer pay award for the previous year. This was because there was no single percentage pay settlement agreed for 2021/22.
- 2.6 The Council's IRP met in November 2022, to consider this issue and all Councillors and Parish Councils were offered the opportunity to make representations. A small number of written representations were received.
- 2.7 The recommendation of the Council's IRP was to uprate all allowances by 4.69 percent; this being the median officer increase for 2021/22.
- 2.8 As the IRP has previously recommended that allowances for Town, Parish and Community Councils should be based on a percentage of MKCC basic allowances, the recommendation for Local Councils is that where paid, indexation should also be 4.69%. Each local Council is however free to agree their own local arrangements having considered the IRP recommendations.
- 2.9 In line with the Councils decision to adopt the recommendations of the IRP in 2021/22 childcare costs will be reimbursed in line with the real living wage of £10.90 from 1 April 2023.

3. Implications of the decision

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| Financial | Y | Human rights, equalities, diversity | |
| Legal | Y | Policies or Council Plan | |
| Communication | | Procurement | |
| Energy Efficiency | | Workforce | |

(a) Financial implications

The additional costs of indexation Allowances Scheme are provided for as part of the Council's draft budget for 2022/23.

(b) Legal implications

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 make it a requirement to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel and for the Council to adopt a Scheme of Allowances for the forthcoming year by 1 April each year.

Under the terms of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council is required to take account of the recommendations of an independent panel before fixing its level of Councillors' Allowances.

(c) Other implications

None.

4. Alternatives

- 4.1 As the Council has a legal requirement to agree a scheme in advance of each municipal year it must make a scheme. However, it could decide not to accept the recommended increase, agree an alternative increase / decrease or change, with the exception of the basic allowance, the allowances paid.

5. Timetable for implementation

- 5.1 The proposed scheme of councillor allowances, if adopted will come into force from 1 April 2023

List of annexes

Annex A – Draft Scheme of Councillor Allowances 2023/2024

List of background papers:

None

Milton Keynes City Council

Scheme of Councilors' Allowances 2023/24

Note – allowances for 22/23 are shown in brackets but will be removed from the published scheme on adoption.

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**SCHEME OF COUNCILLORS'
ALLOWANCES
2023-2024**

1. General

- 1.1 This Scheme is made under the terms of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.
- 1.2 At the meeting of the Council on 18 January 2023 it was agreed that the Council would adopt this Scheme after taking into account the recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel in 2021/22.
- 1.3 Milton Keynes City Council currently has 57 councillors, who serve a 4 year term of office and all of whom are entitled to receive the allowances under this scheme.

2. Basic Allowance

- 2.1 All councillors to receive a Basic Allowance of £11,689 (£11,165) per annum. This is paid in 12 equal, monthly instalments.
- 2.2 If a councillor ceases to be a councillor before the end of his or her term of office, payment of the allowance ceases and a pro rata calculation is made to ensure that the councillor receives the right amount of allowance. If necessary, an adjustment for under or overpayment may have to be made to ensure that the correct final payment is made, and the Council reserves the right to recover any overpayments of Basic Allowance.
- 2.3 The Basic Allowance is intended to recognise the time commitment of all councillors, including such inevitable calls on their time as meetings with officers and constituents and attendance at political group meetings. It is also intended to cover incidental costs, such as the use of their homes for council business, telephone rental and broadband charges.

3. Special Responsibility Allowance

3.1 The Council also pays Special Responsibility Allowances to those councillors it considers to have significant, additional responsibilities over and above the generally accepted duties of a councillor. These special responsibilities are related to the discharge of the Council's functions.

3.2 Milton Keynes City Council currently pays Special Responsibility Allowances for the following roles at the rates stated:

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| Leader of the Council | £35,066 (£33,495) |
| Deputy Leader of the Council | £17,533 (£16,748) |
| Main Opposition Group Leader | £15,780 (£15,073) |
| Cabinet Member* ¹ | £12,273 (£11,723) |
| Smaller Opposition Group Leader(s) | £8,767 (£8,374) |
| Chair of Scrutiny Management Committee | £8,767 (£8,374) |
| Chair of Scrutiny Committee* ² | £5,260 (£5,024) |
| Chairs of Task and Finish Groups* ³ | £5,260 (£5,024) |
| Chair of Planning Committee | £8,767 (£8,374) |
| Chair of Licensing & Regulatory Committees (1 person) | £8,767 (£8,374) |
| Chair of Audit Committee | £5,260 (£5,024) |
| Chair of Corporate Parenting Panel | £5,260 (£5,024) |
| Chair of Standards Committee | £3497 (£3,340) |

Notes:

*¹ A maximum of 8 Cabinet members may be appointed in addition to the Leader and Deputy Leader

*² Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee, Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, Regeneration and Renewal Scrutiny Committee, and Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee.

*³ Payable pro rata depending on the length of time the Group is in place.

3.3 Special Responsibility Allowances are paid in 12 equal, monthly instalments.

3.4 In the event of a councillor ceasing to hold an office which entitled him or her to receive a Special Responsibility Allowance before the term of office is completed, payment of the Allowance ceases, and a calculation based on the number of days in the Council year concerned will be made to determine the entitlement. If necessary, an adjustment for under or overpayment may have to be made to ensure that the correct final payment is made, and the Council reserves the right to recover any overpayments of Special Responsibility Allowance.

- 3.5 Notwithstanding, any agreed Parental Leave Policy for Councillors, in the case of a councillor who is in receipt of a Special Responsibility Allowance being unable to carry out the duty for which the Allowance is payable for a period of three months or more, requiring the duty to be carried out by a specific councillor as deputy, the Council will consider the circumstances, with the option of ceasing the Special Responsibility Allowance payment to the councillor concerned, and making a retrospective payment to the deputising councillor for the whole of the three month period, and continuing until the original councillor is able to resume the duty concerned.
- 3.7 Under the terms of Milton Keynes City Council's Scheme of Allowances no councillor is allowed to receive more than one Special Responsibility Allowance, even if they fulfil more than one role.
- 3.8 In the event of a councillor already in receipt of a Special Responsibility Allowance being appointed to an office with a different level of Special Responsibility Allowance, a calculation based on the number of days in the Council year concerned will be made to determine the entitlement. If necessary, an adjustment for under or overpayment may have to be made to ensure that the correct final payment is made, and the Council reserves the right to recover any overpayments of the Special Responsibility Allowance.

4. Co-opted Members of Committees

- 4.1 Persons co-opted to serve on Committees, Sub-Committees or Panels, and who have voting rights, shall receive an allowance of £670 (£640) calculated pro-rata to the term of co-option. This is to be paid in 12 equal, monthly instalments and will be liable for tax and National Insurance.
- 4.2 All co-optees are eligible for travel and subsistence allowances at the Councillors' rate when carrying out the duties for which they are co-opted.
- 4.3 If the co-opted person ceases to serve as a co-opted member before the end of his or her term of co-option, payment of the Allowance ceases, and a calculation based on the number of days in the Council year concerned will be made to determine the entitlement. If necessary, an adjustment for under or overpayment may have to be made to ensure that the correct final payment is made, and the Council reserves the right to recover any overpayments of this allowance.

5. Civic Allowances

- 5.1 The Mayor of Milton Keynes receives a civic allowance of £12,273 (£11,723) per annum, paid in 12 equal, monthly instalments.
- 5.2 The Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes receives a civic allowance of 50% of the Mayor's allowance, i.e.£6,137 (£5,862) per annum, paid in 12 equal, monthly instalments.
- 5.3 Civic Allowances are liable for tax and National Insurance.

5.4 In the event of a Mayor or Deputy Mayor ceasing to hold office before the term of office is completed, payment of the Allowance ceases, and a calculation based on the number of days in the Council year concerned will be made to determine the entitlement. If necessary, an adjustment for under or overpayment may have to be made to ensure that the correct final payment is made, and the Council reserves the right to recover any overpayments of the Civic Allowance.

6. Child Care and Dependent Carers' Allowance

6.1 All councillors and co-opted members of Council committees can claim, on production of appropriate receipts, the Child Care and Dependent Carers' Allowance.

6.2 Child Care:

The current Real Living Wage (as set by the Living Wage Foundation) of £10.90 per hour applies and will be up rated each November in line with the Living Wage Foundation's annual review.

6.3 Specialist Care:

Specialist care is reimbursed based on the actual costs incurred, subject to the production of receipts and medical evidence that this type of care is required. The allowance has no daily or monthly maximum claim when undertaking Approved Councillor Duties.

6.4 Claims for Child Care and Dependent Carers Allowance are inclusive of travel time associated with the Approved Duties.

6.5 Full details of the Dependent Carers' Allowance Scheme are listed in the Appendix of this Scheme.

7. Travel and Subsistence

7.1 Re-imbusement to councillors for travel and subsistence will be paid at the current rates agreed by the National Joint Council (NJC) for the reimbursement of Council officers, which are as HMRC (per mile) rates:

- Cars and vans 45p
- Motorcycles 24p
- Bicycles 20p
- Electric vehicles 45p

7.2 From 1 April, 2016 mileage claims are no longer liable for tax and National Insurance contributions.

7.3 Councillors will be reimbursed the full cost of travelling by the most appropriate means of transport at standard class rates whilst carrying out Approved Duties, provided a valid receipt (bus ticket etc), is produced to substantiate the claim.

7.4 All reasonable claims for subsistence expenses whilst carrying out Approved Duties will be paid provided they are supported by valid receipts. As there is no profit element in the payment of subsistence claims, this allowance is not subject to tax or National Insurance contributions.

8. Claimable Allowances

8.1 There is a 3 month time limit for submitting claims for the claimable allowances above i.e. Child Care and Dependent Carers' Allowance and Travel and Subsistence Allowances. Any claims made outside of this time limit will only be paid in exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Director Law and Governance and the Chief Internal Auditor.

9. Pensions

9.1 Councillors are no longer eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

10. Dual Authority Roles

10.1 Councillors cannot receive an allowance from more than one authority (e.g. Fire Authority) for the same duties.

11. Forgoing Allowances

11.1 A councillor may forgo all or part of any allowances to which he or she is entitled, provided he or she has given notice in writing to the Director Law and Governance.

12. Approved Duties

12.1 The list of "Approved Duties" under the regulations for which the Travel and Subsistence Allowance is payable is as follows:

- a) a meeting of the Council;
- b) a meeting of the Cabinet;
- c) a meeting of a committee of the Cabinet;
- d) a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of a committee of the Council where that councillor is a member of that committee, is substituting for a member of that committee or otherwise receives a specific invitation from the chair of that committee;
- e) a meeting of Cabinet members with the Corporate Leadership Team;
- f) a meeting with officer colleagues in relation to portfolio / corporate issues (to include Group Leaders, Cabinet members, Chairs, Vice-Chairs and opposition spokespersons) and Ward issues;
- g) a meeting of some other body to which the Council makes appointments or nominations (i.e. Outside Bodies);
- h) a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of a body to which the Council makes appointments or nominations;
- i) a meeting of a local authority association of which the Council is a member (e.g. Local Government Association);

- j) a meeting in the Councillor's Ward called by a Council Officer or Parish Council;
- k) duties undertaken on behalf of the Council in connection with the discharge of any function of the Council conferred by or under any enactment and empowering or requiring the authority to inspect or authorise the inspection of premises;
- l) duties undertaken on behalf of the Council in pursuance of any Procedure Rule requiring a councillor or councillors to be present while tender documents are opened;
- m) duties undertaken on behalf of the Council in connection with arrangements made by the Council for the attendance of pupils at a school approved for the purposes of Section 342 of the Education Act 1996;
- n) a meeting which has been:
 - i) both authorised by the Council, a committee, or a sub-committee of the Council and one or more other authorities, or a sub-committee of a joint committee, and
 - ii) to which representatives of more than one political group have been invited or to which two or more Councillors have been invited;
- o) a meeting of the Cabinet, committee of the Cabinet, committee of the Council, or sub-committee, at which a councillor, who is not appointed to that body:
 - i) attends to present an item which he/she has requested be included on the Agenda in his/her name;
 - ii) is required to attend to answer questions/give evidence; or
 - iii) attends to present a report on behalf of another body of the Council;
- p) attendance at conferences, seminars and other Councillor Development and training events as approved by the Council or the Service Director (Legal and Democratic Services);
- q) attendance at casework surgeries organised at advertised times and venues within the Councillor's own ward;
- r) any other duty approved by the Council in connection with discharging the duties of the authority or its committees or sub-committees.

13. Indexing

13.1 The Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowances, Civic Allowances and Co-Optees Allowances are subject to indexation commensurate with the percentage increase in staff salaries from the previous financial year, from April 2023 for a period of up to three years.

14. Duration

14.1 The above Scheme of Allowances is operative from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024 or such other time as agreed by the Council.

Dependant Carer Allowance Scheme

1. The Scheme is open to all elected councillors of Milton Keynes City Council and co-opted members of Council committees.
2. The Scheme covers the care of dependants whether children, elderly people or people with disabilities for whom those listed in 1 above have responsibility.
3. The rate payable is as follows with no maximum time cap:
 - a) Childcare – Real Living Wage of £10.90 per hour
 - b) Specialist Care – actual costs subject to medical evidence supporting the requirement for specialist care
4. The Scheme covers care provided for a councillor's/co-opted member's dependant(s) whilst they are carrying out any 'approved duties', including travel time, as set out in Section 12 of the Scheme of Councillors' Allowances.
5. Carers must be over the age of 16 and not be a member of the claimant's own household.
6. Where the provision is for childcare, it is recommended that a registered child-minder / nursery or an approved child carer is used. However, it is ultimately the parents' responsibility to make adequate provision for their childcare needs.
7. Claims should be made on the Councillor' Business Expense claim forms, supported by valid receipts. Co-opted members of committees should submit their receipts with a covering letter to the Head of Democratic Services, Milton Keynes City Council, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.
8. Receipts should contain the date the care was provided, length of time the care was provided, the 'approved duty' covered, the cost per hour and should be countersigned by both the carer and claimant. Claimants may wish to use the attached sample receipt as a standard format.
9. In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Council's Scheme of Councillors' Allowances claims for Dependent Carer Allowance payments should be submitted within 3 months of the event.

Dependant Carers' Allowance

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| Data care provided | |
| Duty covered | |
| Time from | |
| Time to | |
| Total hours | |
| Cost per hour (£) | |
| Total (£) | |
| Name of Carer | |
| Signature of Carer | |
| Name of Claimant | |
| Signature of Claimant | |

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Council Report



18 January 2023

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY AND EXTERNAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

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| Council Plan reference | Not in Council Plan |
| Wards affected | All wards |

Executive summary

This report has two parts. First it responds to the proposal to dissolve Corporate Parenting Panel and the Leader's (Councillor Peter Marland) intention to resign as an appointed member of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority.

The proposed dissolution of Corporate Parenting Panel as an advisory Committee of the Council triggers an informal administrative review of the political balance of committee seats to ensure that political balance remains, as is required by law.

Secondly, the intention of the Leader of the Council to resign as an appointed member of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority requires a Full Council resolution to confirm a subsequent appointment according to the wishes of the Labour Group. as there is no existing delegation to allow this to be done otherwise. The report also seeks a delegation to the Director Law and Governance so that the vacancy can be filled by the political group to whom the vacancy belongs without waiting for a Full Council meeting.

1. Decision/s to be made

- 1.1 That the Council notes that the dissolution of Corporate Parenting Panel as an advisory Committee of the Council leads to an overall reduced number of committee seats (132) comprised of the following allocations to each political group; Conservative (53), Labour (46) and Liberal Democrat (33).

- 1.2 That the Council notes that the revised allocation of seats continues to achieve political balance as set out in Table 1.
- 1.3 That the Council notes the resignation of Councillor Peter Marland from the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority and agrees the appointment of Councillor Shanika Mahendran.
- 1.4 That authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Leaders of Political Groups and in accordance with the wishes of the relevant Political Group, to make appointments to the following bodies in the event that vacancies occur during the Council year:
 - a) Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority;
 - b) Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel; and
 - c) Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (or successor body).

2. Why is the decision needed?

- 2.1 The dissolution of Corporate Parenting Panel as a formal meeting of the Council reduces the number of committee seats overall and an informal administrative review is required to ensure that the objectives of section 15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (set out below), continue to be achieved:
 - a) Not all seats on each Committee are to be allocated to the same Group.
 - b) The majority of seats is to be allocated to a particular Group if the number of persons belonging to that Group is a majority on the Council.
 - c) Subject to the above paragraphs, the number of seats on the Committees allocated to each Group should bear the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the Committees as that borne by the number of Members of that Group to the Membership of the Council.
 - d) Subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to different political groups bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Council.
- 2.2 The above requirements are sequential; i.e, c) - that the number of seats allocated to each political group overall must be proportionate, should be achieved first and then balance on individual committees must follow, as far as is practicable. Given composition of the Council, it is impossible to balance every committee perfectly as, this would require seats to be split (which is not possible), there is some adjustment or rounding on each committee to give effect to objective c).
- 2.4 The review shows that the dissolution of Corporate Parenting Panel does not cause the total seats allocated across remaining committees to be out of balance and therefore no changes of membership are required on any remaining committees.

Table 1

| | Councillors | Current committee seats | Revised committee seats |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Conservative | 23 (40.35%) | 57 (141/40.35 = 56.89) | 53 (132/40.35 = 53.26) |
| Labour | 20 (35.09%) | 49 (141/35.09 = 49.47) | 46 (132/35.09 = 46.31) |
| Liberal Democrats | 14 (24.56%) | 35 (141/24.56 = 34.63) | 33 (132/24.56 = 32.42) |
| Total | 57 (100%) | 141 | 132 |

3. Implications of the decision

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| Financial | | Human rights, equalities, diversity | |
| Legal | Y | Policies or Council Plan | |
| Communication | | Procurement | |
| Energy Efficiency | | Workforce | |

(a) Legal implications

Whilst there has been no statutory trigger for a review (such as a by-election, or changes to the membership of political groups), it is important to undertake an informal administrative review to ensure that overall the number of committee seats allocated to each political group coincides with the proportion of seats held by each group overall, as required by s 15(5)(c) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

A fire authority is a body prescribed by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (schedule 1, paragraph 2), which means that it must be filled in a politically proportionate way and in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group. The practice of Council appointing its committee members and to prescribed bodies, is a matter of ordinarily accepted practice, although in reality, it has no discretion, given the legislative requirements for wishes of the relevant political group to be respected. The delegation at 1.4 is therefore reflective of legal requirements and existing practice.

(b) Other implications - None

4. Timetable for implementation

- 4.1 The proposed change to the membership of the Buckinghamshire Fire Authority will take effect immediately.

List of annexes and background papers

None.

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| Date | Councillor | Ward | Party | Recipient | Details of Scheme | Amount £ |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 26/05/22 | Jane Carr | Newport Pagnell South | Lib Dem | Giffard Park Synagogue | Towards the cost of defibrillator | 200 |
| 01/06/22 | Jane Carr | Newport Pagnell South | Lib Dem | Tickford Park Primary School | School lunch club - health cooking classes for children | 100 |
| 01/06/22 | Scot Balazs | Newport Pagnell South | Conservative | NP Youth Football Club | New gazebo shelter to protect players from inclement weather | 350 |
| 08/06/22 | Peter Cannon | Shenley Brook End | Lib Dem | Pauline Reilly on behalf of Macroni Croft Residents | Support for events Macroni Croft- extra tarpaulines for summer festival | 100 |
| 15/06/22 | David Hopkins | Danesborough and Walton | Conservative | Woburn Sands Music Festival | Money for printing leaflets and brochures for the event | 200 |
| 22/06/22 | Victoria Hopkins | Danesborough and Walton | Conservative | Wavendon Parish Council | Bleed Kits for Wavendon Community Centre and The Pavilion at Wavendon Heights | 160 |
| 24/06/22 | Joe Hearnshaw | Stony Stratford | Conservative | Shenley Church End Parish | Bleed kit cabinet for the parish area | 85 |
| 29/06/22 | Amanda Marlow | Loughton and Shenley | Conservative | Loughton Manor First School | Funding to purchase a Mud Kitchen for Early Years class at Loughton Manor First School | 500 |
| 11/07/22 | Joe Hearnshaw | Stony Stratford | Conservative | Stony Stratford Town Football Club | Printing of the programmes for the summer tournament. Stony Stratford Great Gelato will also match the £200 donation alongside this donation towards SSTFC. | 200 |
| 14/07/22 | James Lancaster | Tattenhoe | Conservative | Shenley Church End Parish | To fund the provision of the bleed control kit within the cabinet at Oxley Park Community | 85 |
| 21/07/22 | Jane Carr | Newport Pagnell South | Lib Dem | District Scout Group- NP Scout Group | Funds to send two local scouts and an Explorer scout from Newport Pagnell Scout Group to the international Jamboree in South Korea. | 200 |
| 26/07/22 | Rob Middleton | Wolverton | Labour | Sabrina Stone c/o St. John's Crescent | Community celebration of Queens Platinum Jubilee at St John's Crescent in Greenleys. | 200 |
| 28/07/22 | George Bowyer | NP North and Hanslope | Conservative | Haversham cum Little Linford Parish Council | Equipment for community speed watch | 500 |
| 10/08/22 | Vanessa McPake | Monkston | Lib Dem | Walton Community Council | Walton Community Falconry and Craft Fun Day- Walnut Tree | 300 |
| 18/08/22 | Scot Balazs | Newport Pagnell South | Conservative | Atlas Fitness | Mats for the fitness centre to help with disadvantaged youths in training sessions | 225 |
| 14/09/22 | Joe Hearnshaw | Stony Stratford | Conservative | Fairfields Parish Council | Planting of 3,750 bulbs by a Landscaper on the Green Area of Fairfields this Autumn | 325 |
| 22/09/22 | Shanika Mahendran | Loughton and Shenley | Labour | Ride High Limited | For shrubs and plants for sensory garden | 500 |
| 03/10/22 | Zoe Nolan | Loughton and Shenley | Labour | Loughton Baptist Church | Funds for the detached youth work project to address issues of youth violence across our city and running with a youth worker and volunteers from Loughton Baptist Church. | 1000 |
| 10/10/22 | Chris Taylor | Shenly Brooke End | Conservative | 3 shires Branch RMPA | A locally derived branch of the Royal Military Police association, Military veterans from the Royal Military police are raising money to have a new branch standard and associated equipment. | 200 |
| 10/10/22 | Chris Taylor | Shenly Brooke End | Conservative | Shenley Brooke End Parish Council | To replace broken ascot rail fencing at the Play area on Cressey Avenue, Shenley Brook End | 500 |
| 12/10/22 | Rex Exon | Bradwell | Liberal Democrat | Heelands Rangers Youth FC | Heelands Rangers Football (Youth) Club- to supply new footballs and other equipment for the youth teams | 200 |
| 28/10/22 | Kerrie Bradburn | Broughton | Liberal Democrat | Friends of Middleton - PTA | A contribution towards Middleton Primary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to assist with the purchase of books requested from the Association by the school. | 300 |
| 29/10/22 | Kerrie Bradburn | Broughton | Liberal Democrat | Kayleigh McDonald - Shrimp and Doodle | A contribution towards the purchase of period packs by the Shrimp and Doodle (a shop in Brooklands) who distribute them free to young people unable to purchase them commercially. | 150 |

WARD BASED BUDGETS

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| 02/11/22 | Rex Exon | Bradwell | Liberal Democrat | 1ST Great Holm Brownies | To provide a hardship fund to support girls whose parents cannot afford uniforms and subs | 150 |
| 02/11/22 | Rex Exon | Bradwell | Liberal Democrat | 1st Tw Mile Ash Rainbows | To provide hardship funds to support girls whose parents cannot afford uniforms and subs | 150 |
| 02/11/22 | Rex Exon | Bradwell | Liberal Democrat | Two Mile Ash and Great Holm Scout Group | To support a hardship fund to help beavers, cubs and scouts whose parents cannot afford uniform, camp fees or subs. | 300 |
| 01/11/22 | Mick Legg | Bletchley West | Labour | Keeping kids off the street | Teaching discipline through boxing and sport combating drug and gang culture providing free workshops based at Bletchley youth centre Derwent Drive Bletchley. | 500 |
| 02/11/22 | Rex Exon | Bradwell | Liberal Democrat | sieveMK Gateway | To provide books and reading material for children (8-12 years) who require additional reading tuition (book club) | 200 |
| 10/11/22 | Scot Balazs | NP South | Conservative | River Meadows Pre School | River Meadow Pre School have purchased a "Mud Kitchen" for their outdoor space for their children to use. | 200 |
| 17/11/22 | Saleena Raja | Shenley Brook End | Conservative | Shenley Brooke End Parish Council | To replace broken ascot rail fencing at the Play area on Cressey Avenue, Shenley Brook End | 500 |
| 18/11/22 | Mick Legg | Bletchley West | Labour | Bletchley Youth Centre | Wednesday evening meals club for children and young people. | 500 |
| 21/11/22 | Emily Darlington | Bletchley East | Labour | Locals of the Lakes | Purchase of warm blankets for those struggling with energy costs | 1000 |
| 02/12/22 | Peter Cannnon | Shenley Brook End | Liberal Democrat | MKCC | Kinship Carers day out | 100 |
| 05/12/22 | Ben Nolan | CMK | Labour | Southwood School | School Music Project, purchasing of 30 xylophones | 690.12 |
| 06/12/22 | Ed Hume | Bletchley East | Labour | Water Eaton Community Larder | Water Eaton Community Larder Christmas Lunch and hampers | 500 |
| 29/12/22 | David Hopkins | Danesborough and Walton | Conservative | Little Brickhill Association | To provide funding for meals for the senior Citizens Christmas lunch and to help fund the Little Brickhill Children's party. | 150 |
| | | | | | Total to date | 11520.12 |