

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 18:30

4 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7 Questions from Members of the Public

ACTION:

That a written response be sent to the member of the public.

8(a) Public Realm and Environment Scrutiny Committee - 11 October 2023

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response be noted.

8(b) Housing Planning and Placemaking Scrutiny Sub-Committee - 16 October 2023

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response be noted.

9 Milton Keynes Waste Recovery Park (MKWRP) - Future Options For The Operational Delivery Of The Plant

RESOLVED:

1. That the variation of the contract for the Residual Waste Treatment Facility as summarised in the report, be progressed.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director Environment and Property, in consultation with the Director Finance and Resources (s151), the Director Law of Governance (Monitoring Officer), as well as the Cabinet Member for Resources and Innovation and / or the Cabinet Member for Public Realm to:
 - a) agree non-material amendments to the proposed Deed of Variation (exempt Annex A to the report); and
 - b) finalise and enter into the Deed of Variation and any other necessary formal documents to effect the agreed position.

3. That the Cabinet note and endorse the outcomes of continued work to deliver these key points:
 - Owning the asset outright;
 - Ongoing and sustained provision of £0 per tonne gate fee;
 - Increased recycling rates; and
 - Significantly reduced landfill rates
4. That a written response be provided to the comments made by the member of the public.

10 Support for the Open University's Campus 2030 Project

RESOLVED:

1. That the Cabinet:
 - a) agree their full support for the Open University's Campus 2030 Project; and
 - b) note the huge benefits this will bring to the city and its residents, and the strong position of the Open University to enable the delivery of this project.
2. That the positive role that Milton Keynes Development Partnership have played – and will continue to play – in the project including developing an enthusiastic and enabling relationship with the Open University, fulfilling their ambition to help the city become a better place to live, socialise and work, be acknowledged.
3. That the Open University's Campus 2030 Project, be the priority for any financial support from the Council for higher education, for the foreseeable future.
4. That given there is no funding in place to realise the full ambitions of the MK:U project to develop a large university campus on Block B4, and despite the best efforts of all parties involved, the Partnering Agreement with Cranfield University be brought to an end.

11 Council Tax Base 2024/25

RESOLVED:

1. That the provisional 2024/25 Council Tax Base estimate of **95,784.97** Band D equivalent properties and the potential increase to **96,067.10** Band D equivalent properties (subject to the outcome of consultation,) be noted.
2. That a final decision be made at the 5 December 2023 Cabinet meeting, regarding the 2024/25 Council Tax Base.
3. That the provision for uncollectable amounts of Council Tax for 2024/25 be set at **2.05%** producing an expected collection rate of **97.95%**.

4. That the commencement of a consultation to consider changes to the discretionary Council Tax policy in respect of Long Term Empty Property and introduction of a Second Home Premiums (as set out in the report), be noted.
5. That the proposed 2024/25 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £0.325m, as set out in Annex D of the report, be noted, and recommended to Council for approval as part of the final Budget in February 2024.
6. That the Cabinet recommends to Council that the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as adopted by the Council on 22 February 2023, be continued for 2024/25, with amendments that reflect changes to related benefits and to the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations; retaining the delegation to the Director Finance and Resources to make technical legislative changes.

12 Update on Delivery of the Council Plan

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made on the Delivery Plan for 2023/24, be noted.

13 Cost of Living Crisis - Winter Plan 2023-24

RESOLVED:

That the 2023/24 Winter Plan be noted.

A request to call-in a decision, bearing the names of two Members of the Council, the Chair or Clerk of a Parish or Town Council, or signed by twenty residents of Milton Keynes, should be sent to the Director (Law and Governance), Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ, Telephone: (01908) 252095 or e-mail: Sharon.Bridglalsingh@milton-keynes.gov.uk no later than 5.00pm on 17 October 2023.

Only decision reference 9 – 11 may be called in.

In submitting the request to the Director Law and Governance for a decision to be called-in, the requester must specify reason/reasons for calling in the decision.

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