



Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 17 May 2023 at 19:30

Present: Councillor Legg (Mayor)

Councillors M Bradburn, Adewale, Ahmad, Andrew, Andrews, Bailey, Balazs, Bell, K Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Cannon, A Carr, J Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Darlington, De Villiers, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, Hume, Hussain, Imran, Kendrick, M Khan, N Khan, Lancaster, Long, Mahendran, Marland, McBride, McLean, McQuillan, Middleton, Muzammil, Nayee, Nolan, Petchey, Priestley, Rolfe, Smith, Taylor, Townsend, Trendall, Verma, Wardle, Whitworth and Wilson-Marklew

Alderman McKenzie, Alderman Miles and Alderwoman Saunders and 80 members of the public

Apologies Councillors V Hopkins, McPake and Oguntola

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

CL1 Election of Mayor

It was moved by Councillor Nolan and seconded by Councillor R Bradburn that Councillor Mick Legg be elected Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council Year 2023/24.

Other councillors spoke in support of the nomination.

Councillor Legg signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor, on accepting the office of Mayor, welcomed all those in attendance and thanked the Council for bestowing him with this highest of honours. The Mayor noted that he was first elected in 1996 and was proud to have grown up in Milton Keynes and to have been witness to all the landmark achievements that had happened so far. The Mayor advised that his wife, Mandy Legg, would be the Mayoress.

The Mayor referred to the fact that they would be a different kind of Mayor and Mayoress given that he would be the first full time working Mayor but that he hoped this precedent would inspire others that having a day job would not preclude you from being the first citizen of Milton Keynes.

The Mayor noted that he would be changing a recent precedent and that he would not be abstaining from voting.

The Mayor noted that his theme for the year would be health and wellbeing and that his chosen charities were Harry's Rainbow and SOFEA.

The Mayor summed up by thanking his family for encouraging and supporting him, his Labour colleagues and his employer for allowing a degree of flexibility to allow him to undertake the role.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mick Legg be elected Mayor of Milton Keynes City for the Council Year 2023/24

CL2 Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Mayor

Councillor D Hopkins moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor (Amanda Marlow), which was seconded by Councillor Marland.

Other councillors spoke in support of the vote of thanks.

The vote of thanks was approved unanimously.

Amanda Marlow received a Past Mayor's badge.

Amanda Marlow noted that this had been an incredible year to be Mayor, from the award of city status, Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, the Women's Euros, a royal visit, civic reception and coronation of King Charles the Second. These events had showcased the diverse groups and organisations in our city.

Amanda Marlow noted that civic fundraising for her charities MK Snap and Medical Detection Dogs had raised £9,288.

Amanda Marlow thanked Councillor McLean for encouraging her to stand for Mayor, Catriona Morris for her support during the year along with her Conservative colleagues and officers for their support, including staff in Democratic Services and in particular: Angie Deacon; Siobhan Pitkin; and David Broom.

Amanda Marlow concluded by thanking her family for their support, in particular her Consort, and noted that this year had been life changing and a role of a lifetime. She was very proud to have served Milton Keynes as Mayor over the last twelve months.

CL3 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Further to Minute CL03 of its meeting held on 18 May 2022, the Council considered the appointment of the Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council Year 2023/24.

It was moved by Councillor J Carr and seconded by Councillor Marland that Councillor M Bradburn be appointed Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council year 2023/24.

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Marie Bradburn be elected Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes City for the Council Year 2023/24.

CL4 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 March 2023 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

CL5 Disclosures of Interest

None

CL6 Announcements

The Mayor made announcements in respect of:

- (a) Mandatory training for members of the Planning Committee;
- (b) The death of former councillor Alan Richardson;
- (c) Art in the Park;
- (d) Campbell Park Community Council; and
- (e) Newport Pagnell Town FC.

CL7 Returning Officer's Report

The Mayor moved, and the Deputy Mayor seconded, the following motion:

“That the report of the Returning Officer following the Elections held on 4 May 2023 be received.”

The Mayor invited the Councillors new to the Council in 2023/24 to stand and welcomed them to the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Returning Officer following the Elections held on 4 May 2023 be received.

CL8 Appointment of Leader

It was moved by Councillor R Bradburn and seconded by Councillor Darlington, that Councillor Marland be elected Leader of the Council for the period 2023/24 to 2026/27.

On being put to the vote the substantive motion was declared carried with 38 councillors voting in favour, 0 councillors voting against and 16 councillors abstaining from voting.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Marland be elected Leader of the Council for the period 2023/24 – 2026/27.

CL9 Appointment of Deputy Leader / Cabinet

Councillor Marland, the Leader of the Council, informed the Council that the Deputy Leader would be Councillor R Bradburn and that, in addition to himself and Councillor R Bradburn, the Cabinet would comprise Councillors J Carr, Darlington, Middleton, Nolan, Townsend, Trendall and Wilson-Marklew.

CL10 Leaders Executive Scheme of Delegation

The Council received the Leader's Executive Scheme of Delegation which detailed the delegations to individual Cabinet Portfolio holders.

CL11 Report on Committee Proportionality

The Mayor moved, and the Deputy Mayor seconded, the following motion:

"That, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council note that the Conservative Group is entitled to 30.16% of the seats on the Council's Committees, the Labour Group is entitled to 43.65% of the seats and the Liberal Democrat Group is entitled to 26.19% of the seats on the Council."

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council note that the Conservative Group is entitled to 30.16% of the seats on the Council's Committees, the Labour Group is entitled to 43.65% of the seats and the Liberal Democrat Group is entitled to 26.19% of the seats on the Council.

CL12 Appointments to Committees / Sub-Committees / Groups / Panels and Other Bodies

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following recommendations:

1. That the following be agreed:
 - a) the allocation of Committee / Sub-Committee / Group / Panel seats to Political Groups; and
 - b) appointments to Committees / Sub-Committees / Groups / Panels and Other Bodies as set out in Annex B.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director – Law and Governance, (upon the written instruction of the appropriate Group Leader and in consultation with the Leaders of other Political Groups) to make amendments to membership of the Council's Committees / Sub-Committees / Groups / Panels and Other Bodies.
3. That Regeneration & Renewal Scrutiny Committee be dissolved.

4. That the following committees be renamed as set out below and that revised Terms of Reference, alongside consequential amendments to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules be subsequently reviewed and approved by full Council in June:
 - a) Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee - **Environment & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee**;
 - b) Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee - **Housing, Planning and Placemaking Scrutiny Committee**; and
 - c) Scrutiny Management Committee - **Corporate Oversight & Scrutiny Management Committee**.
5. That Council notes that:
 - a) neither Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee, Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee, or Scrutiny Management Committee were due to meet until July 2023; and
 - b) there is no existing procedural requirement that members of Scrutiny Management Committee comprise membership of other Scrutiny Chairs.
6. That a report be prepared for Council in January 2024 setting out the impact, effect and any subsequent recommendations with regard to the Council's revised scrutiny structure.
7. That the Council agree to appoint all members of the Council (with the exception of Cabinet members to the Audit Committee and Scrutiny Committees), as substitutes to all bodies listed above, noting the requirement for councillors to be trained before participating in meetings of the Planning Committee, Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee.
8. That the Council agree the exemption of the Chief Officer Appointments Panel from the political balance provisions in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
9. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive (in consultation with and in line with the wishes of) the Leaders of Political Groups, to appoint a panel of five members to the Appointments Panel for Directors as follows: one member per Political Group; one member of the Cabinet and the Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive."

RESOLVED:

1. That the following be agreed:
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 - d) appointments to Committees / Sub-Committees / Groups / Panels and Other Bodies as set out in Annex B.

2. That authority be delegated to the Director – Law and Governance, (upon the written instruction of the appropriate Group Leader and in consultation with the Leaders of other Political Groups) to make amendments to membership of the Council’s Committees / Sub-Committees / Groups / Panels and Other Bodies.
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Audit Committee (11)

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Geary	1. Bailey	1. Cannon
2. Hearnshaw	2. Brown	2. Clarke
3. Wardle	3. Hussain	3. Crooks
	4. McBride	
	5. Smith	

Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee (9)

Conservative (3)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1. Geary	1. Hume	1. Cannon
2. Verma	2. M Khan	2. Clarke
3. Wardle	3. Long	
	4. McBride	

Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee Call-in Sub-Committee

Conservative (3)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1. Geary	1. Hume	1. Cannon
2. Verma	2. M Khan	2. Clarke
3. Wardle	3. Long	
	4. McBride	

Five members selected on a politically proportional basis

Chief Officer Appointments Panel (3/5)

Conservative (1/2)	Labour (1/2)	Liberal Democrat (1/1)
1. Group Leader Nomination	1. Cabinet Member	1. Group Leader Nomination
2. Group Leader Nomination	2. Group Leader Nomination	

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (11)

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. D Hopkins	1. Fuller	1. Adewale
2. V Hopkins	2. Kendrick	2. Bell
3. Muzammil	3. N Khan	3. Oguntola
	4. Mahendran	
	5. McQuillan	

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Call-in Sub-Committee

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. D Hopkins	1. Fuller	1. Adewale
2. V Hopkins	2. Kendrick	2. Bell
3. Muzammil	3. N Khan	3. Oguntola
	4. Mahendran	
	5. McQuillan	

Five members selected on a politically proportional basis

Corporate Oversight and Scrutiny Management Committee (11)

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. D Hopkins	1. Bailey	1. Cannon
2. Muzammil	2. Brown	2. Crooks
3. Verma	3. Hume	3. Ferrans
	4. Nayee	
	5. Priestley	

Corporate Oversight and Scrutiny Management Committee Call-in Sub-Committee

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. D Hopkins	1. Bailey	1. Cannon
2. Muzammil	2. Brown	2. Crooks
3. Verma	3. Hume	3. Ferrans
	4. Nayee	
	5. Priestley	

Five members selected on a politically proportional basis

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (9)

Conservative (3)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1. Andrew	1. Bailey	1. Adewale
2. Hall	2. N Khan	2. Oguntola
3. Hearnshaw	3. Long	
	4. Whitworth	

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee Call-in Sub-Committee

Conservative (3)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1. Andrew	1. Bailey	1. Adewale
2. Hall	2. N Khan	2. Oguntola
3. Hearnshaw	3. Long	
	4. Whitworth	

Five members selected on a politically proportional basis

Housing, Planning and Placemaking Scrutiny Committee (11)

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Andrew	1. Brown	1. Adewale
2. McLean	2. Fuller	2. A Carr
3. Taylor	3. M Khan	3. Ferrans
	4. McBride	
	5. Whitworth	

Housing, Planning and Placemaking Scrutiny Committee Call-in Sub-Committee

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Andrew	1. Brown	1. Adewale
2. McLean	2. Fuller	2. A Carr
3. Taylor	3. M Khan	3. Ferrans
	4. McBride	
	5. Whitworth	

Five members selected on a politically proportional basis

Health and Wellbeing Board / Health & Care Partnership (4)

Conservative (1)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. Group Leader	1. Leader of the Council	1. Group Leader
	2. Portfolio Holder for Adults	

Joint Negotiating Committee (Employers Side) (9)

Conservative (3)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1. Hall	1. Darlington	1. R Bradburn
2. D Hopkins	2. N Khan	2. J Carr
3. Imran	3. Middleton	
	4. Wilson-Marklew	

Licensing Committee (11)

Conservative (4)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Lancaster	1. Kendrick	1. R Bradburn
2. McLean	2. McQuillan	2. A Carr
3. Rolfe	3. Nayee	3. Exon
4. Taylor	4. Priestley	

Licensing Sub-Committee

Conservative (4)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Lancaster	1. Kendrick	1. R Bradburn
2. McLean	2. McQuillan	2. A Carr
3. Rolfe	3. Nayee	3. Exon
4. Taylor	4. Priestley	

Three members selected

Planning Committee (11)

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Lancaster	1. Ahmad	1. Bell
2. McLean	2. Hussain	2. Clarke
3. Taylor	3. Mahendran	3. Exon
	4. Petchey	
	5. Smith	
Named Substitutes		
1. Andrew	1. Bailey	1. K Bradburn
2. Andrews	2. Brown	2. R Bradburn
3. Hall	3. Kendrick	3. Trendall
	4. Middleton	
	5. Nayee	

Planning Panel

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Lancaster	1. Ahmad	1. Bell
2. McLean	2. Hussain	2. Clarke
3. Taylor	3. Mahendran	3. Exon
	4. Petchey	
	5. Smith	

Five members selected on a politically proportional basis

Public Realm and Environment Scrutiny Committee (11)

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Andrews	1. Ahmad	1. K Bradburn
2. De Villiers	2. M Khan	2. A Carr
3. Rolfe	3. Nayee	3. Crooks
	4. Petchey	
	5. Smith	

Public Realm and Environment Scrutiny Committee Call-in Sub-Committee

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Andrews	1. Ahmad	1. K Bradburn
2. De Villiers	2. M Khan	2. A Carr
3. Rolfe	3. Nayee	3. Crooks
	4. Petchey	
	5. Smith	

Five members selected on a politically proportional basis.

Regulatory Committee (11)

Conservative (4)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Lancaster	1. Kendrick	1. R Bradburn
2. McLean	2. McQuillan	2. A Carr
3. Rolfe	3. Nayee	3. Exon
4. Taylor	4. Priestley	

Regulatory Sub-Committee

Conservative (4)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. Lancaster	1. Kendrick	1. R Bradburn
2. McLean	2. McQuillan	2. A Carr
3. Rolfe	3. Nayee	3. Exon
4. Taylor	4. Priestley	

Three members selected

Standards Committee (11)

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. De Villiers	1. Ahmad	1. Cannon
2. Geary	2. Fuller	2. Crooks
3. Imran	3. Hume	3. McPake
	4. Petchey	
	5. Whitworth	

Standards Sub-Committee

Conservative (3)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1. De Villiers	1. Ahmad	1. Cannon
2. Geary	2. Fuller	2. Crooks
3. Imran	3. Hume	3. McPake
	4. Petchey	
	5. Whitworth	

Three members selected on a politically proportional basis

APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority (5)

Conservative (2)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. D Hopkins	1. Darlington	1. Exon
2. McLean	2. Fuller	

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. Hearnshaw	1. N Khan	1. Oguntola
Substitutes		
1. Hall	1. Long	1. Adewale

Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel

Labour / Lib Dem	1. R Bradburn (Representative)
Conservative	2. McLean (Co-opted Representative)

Co -optees to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Maintained Primary Schools	Georgina Thompson
Maintained Special Schools	Namrata Anandpara
Maintained Secondary Schools	Ify Oduku

CL13 Calendar of Meetings 2023/24

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following recommendations:

- “1. That the Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24, be agreed.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance to make amendments to the calendar of meetings, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the relevant body.”

RESOLVED:

1. That the Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24, be agreed.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance to make amendments to the calendar of meetings, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the relevant body.