

## Council Decision Notice

The following decisions were taken by Council at its meeting held on Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 19:30

### **1(b) Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 May 2023 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### **1(e) Appointment of Honorary Recorder**

RESOLVED:

1. That His Honour Judge Patrick Perusko be appointed Honorary Recorder of the City of Milton Keynes for the duration of his tenure.
2. The Council agreed a vote of thanks to his Honour Judge Anthony Hughes for his exemplary service as Honorary Recorder.

### **2(a) Petitions**

ACTIONS:

1. The Cabinet member agreed to ask officers to undertake a technical assessment of the area that had been requested for a reduction in speed to 20MPH.
2. The Cabinet member agreed to provide a written response regarding the petition on reinstating the No. 9 Bus.

### **4(a) Regulatory Committee - 7 March 2023**

RESOLVED:

That the Licencing and Regulatory Committee Annual Report be received.

### **4(b) Standards Committee - 23 March 2023**

RESOLVED:

That the Standards Committee Annual Report be received.

### **4(c) Cabinet - 6 June 2023**

RESOLVED:

That the Council approve the new Council Plan Delivery Plan for 2023/24.

#### **4(d) Delegated Decisions - 30 May 2023**

RESOLVED:

That Council approve additional temporary borrowing of £9.1m to cashflow the delivery of the project in advance of the receipt of Tariff contributions from the MK East development.

#### **5 Councillors' Questions**

Questions were received from Councillors Bailey, K Bradburn, D Hopkins, McLean, Oguntola and Priestley.

ACTIONS:

Councillor Townsend undertook to ask officers if there was any changes proposed to the 20 MPH policy and to provide an update to Councillor McLean

(Cabinet member for Public Realm / Director of Environment and Property)

#### **6(a) Motion 1: Make Care Experience a Protected Characteristic**

RESOLVED:

1. That this Council notes:

- (a) that care experienced people face significant barriers and challenges that impact them throughout their lives, including discrimination, and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment, and the criminal justice system;
- (b) that despite the resilience of many care experienced people, society too often does not take their needs into account;
- (c) that as corporate parents we have a special responsibility for providing the best possible care and ensure they get the support they need to live the happiest and healthiest life as possible so they can reach their full potential;
- (d) the positive work of the City Council's Corporate Parenting Panel in improving the lives and experiences of our care-experienced children and young people through lived experiences, working in partnership to embed a corporate parenting culture within Milton Keynes; and
- (e) recommendations of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care by Josh McCallister (May 2022) including:
  - 'Government should make care experience a protected characteristic'

- 'new legislation should be passed which broadens corporate parenting responsibilities across a wider set of public bodies and organisations'.
2. That this Council believes that:
    - (a) the children and young people of Milton Keynes deserve the best start in life;
    - (b) the voices, needs, priorities, and rights of children and young people should be at the heart of everything we do;
    - (c) care experienced people are a disadvantaged group who face challenges and discrimination and that Milton Keynes has a duty to put the needs of disadvantaged people at the heart of decision making;
    - (d) Councillors should be champions of our looked after children and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society; and
    - (e) MKCC must continue to ensure the support we provide to our care-experienced children and young people is of the same quality we would expect for our own birth children.
  3. That this Council believes that it should proactively seek out and listen to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their lives and therefore resolves to ask the executive to consider and implement the following:
    - (a) that this Council will treat care experience as if it were a protected characteristic;
    - (b) that in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the City Council include care experience in the publication and review of the Equality Policy (2021) relating to people who share a protected characteristic in services and employment;
    - (c) that future decision, services, and policies made and adopted by the City Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic; and
    - (d) to formally call upon other bodies and organisations to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.

## **7 Amendments to Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference and Other Consequential Changes to Procedure Rules**

RESOLVED:

1. That revisions to the following Terms of Reference are agreed:
  - (a) Corporate Oversight and Scrutiny Management Committee;
  - (b) Housing, Planning and Placemaking Scrutiny Committee;
  - (c) Public Realm and Environment Scrutiny Committee; and
  - (d) Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.
2. That minor associated and consequential changes to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules be agreed.
3. That consequential changes to the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules be agreed.
4. That authority be delegated to the Director – Law and Governance, in consultation with the Leaders of other Political Groups, or relevant Committee Chairs and Vice chairs (as appropriate) to make further consequential amendments or minor typographical corrections to these documents.

