



Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 19:30

Present: Councillor Legg (Mayor)

Councillors M Bradburn (Deputy Mayor), Andrew, Andrews, Ahmad, Bailey, Bell, K Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Cannon, A Carr, J Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hume, Hussain, Imran, Kendrick, M Khan, Lancaster, Long, Mahendran, Marland, McBride, McLean, Muzammil, Nayee, Nolan, Oyakhire, Petchey, Priestley, Rolfe, Smith, Taylor, Townsend, Trendall, Verma and Wilson-Marklew

Alderman Miles and Alderwoman Saunders and 12 members of the public

Apologies Councillors Adewale, De Villiers, N Khan, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Oguntola, Wardle and Whitworth

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

#### **CL57 Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That with the correction to the spelling of the name of the member of the public at CL151 that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 October 2023 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

#### **CL58 Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor D Hopkins advised, for the purpose of transparency, that with regard to Item 6(c) Motion 3 – Is Milton Keynes Killing me, that he was an asthmatic.

Councillors McBride (unpaid Director, MK Dons SET) and Priestley (Board Member, MK Dons SET) declared a Non-Registerable Interest in Item 6(a), Motion 1 – The Provision of Youth Football Facilities across Milton Keynes, and left the Chamber while the matter was discussed and decided.

Councillors Crooks and Rolfe advised, for the purpose of transparency, that with regard to Item 6(a), Motion 1 – The Provision of Youth Football Facilities across Milton Keynes, that they were a member of the Board of the MK Dons SET.

## **CL59 Announcements**

The Mayor made Announcements in respect of: Armistice Day/Remembrance Sunday; White Ribbon Day; Christmas Lights Switch On and the safe arrival of Councillor Adewale's twin daughters.

## **CL60 Petitions**

The Council received a petition from Parish Councillor Pryor on behalf of local residents requesting the Council implement a 20 MPH limit in the High Street, Haversham.

The Cabinet member advised that this request was already included in the recently agreed 20 MPH programme of works.

## **CL61 Questions from Members of the Public**

Questions were received from five members of the public.

Careera Jain (Youth Council member) asked Councillor Darlington, what resources had been provided for young people to support information and awareness of the White Ribbon campaign to end violence and abuse against women and girls?

Councillor Darlington indicated that local schools had access to a programme called 'break the cycle' which was for survivors or perpetrators or those at risk of perpetrating violence against women or girls. The Council was also talking to schools and asking them to consider signing up to be White Ribbon Schools.

As a supplementary question Careera Jain asked Councillor Darlington, was there any resources available to those young people who were home schooled or not in education, employment or training?

Councillor Darlington indicated that these were both harder to reach groups and she was keen that the programme become fully integrated into the curriculum rather than an add-on so that all young people could access this resource and preferably from as an earlier age as possible.

Elvashio Chattell (Chair of the Youth Council) asked Councillor Darlington, how could we encourage young people, especially men and boys to be positive advocates and ambassadors for the White Ribbon in MK?

Councillor Darlington indicated that it was important that local positive male role models came forward to act as advocates and ambassadors for the White Ribbon campaign.

As a supplementary question Elvashio Chattell, asked Councillor Darlington, the starting point to these conversations is often by assuming guilt, how can we approach these conversations more positively?

Councillor Darlington indicated that there was often some defensiveness but acknowledged that the silent majority who were not perpetrating this behaviour

should be promoted as behaving in a normal, positive way and we should use the voices of these positive male role models more.

Laurence Kavanagh asked Councillor Townsend, regarding major events at Campbell Park, can the Cabinet member give an undertaking that those living in Campbell Park and Campbell Wharf would always be able to access their homes, regardless of what is taking place in the park?

Councillor Townsend indicated that access to all properties should be maintained and this should be a key consideration of any traffic management plan for events at Campbell Park. The Cabinet member undertook to ask officers to investigate the concerns about the early closure of the road and to ensure that event organisers were aware of their responsibility to have marshalls in place to maintain exit and entry points.

As a supplementary question Laurence Kavanagh asked Councillor Townsend, that it would be helpful for large events if the no-stopping signage could be extended further along Avebury Boulevard?

Councillor Townsend indicated that she would ask officers to investigate this request.

David Lee (Tinkers Bridge Residents Association) asked Councillor Darlington, with regard to the evidence required to access grant funding for events, would the Cabinet member agree that, while financial accountability must be present, the detail required in this case has been excessive, and counterproductive to facilitating a very desirable activity?

Councillor Darlington indicated that every single penny in the Housing Revenue Account needed to be accounted for and it must be spent on the benefit of current or future tenants. The Council had rigorous processes in place which were currently under review including where the money was spent within the HRA.

As a supplementary question David Lee asked Councillor Darlington, when volunteers carry out activities this means that Council funds go further and the work of residents associations and volunteer groups should be supported?

Councillor Darlington thanked all volunteers for the work they did during the covid pandemic and are continuing to do through the cost of living crisis to support residents in every area across the city. There were amazing volunteers in Milton Keynes which help to create and strengthen our communities.

Will Matthews submitted a question but did not attend the meeting. The Mayor did not ask for a response to be provided.

#### ACTIONS:

Councillor Townsend undertook to ask officers to make sure that the organisers of major events at Campbell Park are clear on their commitments regarding road closures and to ask officers to investigate the request regarding the extension of no-stopping signage along the urban clearway.

## **CL62 Business Remaining from Last Meeting**

None remaining.

## **CL63 Constitutional Changes - Planning Committee (7 September 2023)**

This item was taken with Item 7 – Report on Changes to the Council’s Constitution.

## **CL64 Councillors' Questions**

Questions were received from Councillors Hume, Andrew, Oyakhire, Andrews, K Bradburn, Smith, M Khan, Clarke, Hearnshaw, Bailey and Lancaster.

Question from Councillor Hume to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor Hume asked Councillor Marland, with regard to the dozens of councils across the country who were threatened effectively with bankruptcy and who were issuing Section 114 Notices, could he please reassure members that this Council was not going bankrupt?

Councillor Marland indicated that he was not able to provide this reassurance as on the current trajectory all councils were going bankrupt it just depended on how well run they were as to how long they could stave that off. Hopefully, when the draft budget was published the Administration would be able to show that this was a well run council who could provide a balanced budget for the next year and for future years.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Hume asked Councillor Marland, an important part of balancing the budget was the savings that were identified, could he provide an update on the position with regard to in-year savings?

Councillor Marland indicated that the Council had delivered on 94% of its in-year savings and this was a fantastic example of how officers and the scrutiny process deliver. The Leader further noted that a massive reason the Council had achieved a balanced budget was due to the work of Councillor Middleton as Cabinet member with responsibility for finance. The Leader advised that Councillor Middleton was stepping down from the Cabinet due to personal reasons and that this Council owed him a debt of gratitude for his work on this challenging portfolio over the last 9 and a half years.

Question from Councillor Andrew to Councillor Nolan (Cabinet member for Children and Families)

Councillor Andrew asked Councillor Nolan, with regard to the question she asked last month regarding the serious issue of the transport incident with the Hanslope school bus and the request that Councillor Nolan meet with her and share relevant information, could she please provide an update as none had yet been provided?

Councillor Nolan indicated that she would ensure that a follow up happens to update Councillor Andrew.

Question from Councillor Oyakhire to Councillor R Bradburn (Cabinet member for Economy and Culture)

Councillor Oyakhire asked Councillor R Bradburn with regard to Milton Keynes having a thriving, vibrant and prosperous business community and being named as a hot spot for tech start ups, could the Cabinet member give members an update on what this Council was doing to support local tech start ups?

Councillor R Bradburn indicated that the Council was committed to supporting businesses and this year had set aside a fund to support small local tech start ups five of each would be awarded £7,000 each to ensure tech talent stays within Milton Keynes to create new jobs and opportunities for local people.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Oyakhire asked Councillor R Bradburn, when could applicants apply for the scheme?

Councillor R Bradburn indicated that applications were open now and could be accessed via [www.themkig.com](http://www.themkig.com).

Question from Councillor Andrews to Councillor R Bradburn (Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group)

Councillor Andrews asked Councillor R Bradburn, with regard to the Leader of the Council receiving a briefing about an offer of a landowner to accommodate a nuclear waste disposal facility in the City, was he briefed on this issue either by officers or the Leader of the Council?

Councillor R Bradburn indicated that he was not briefed on this issue.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Andrews asked Councillor R Bradburn, did he think that it was important that all councillors and officers, especially the Leader, should set an example by following the rules and keeping confidential information private and did he feel that the actions of the Leader had destroyed confidence that this Council could keep information confidential?

Councillor R Bradburn indicated that he was not privy to the facts so was unable to comment.

Councillor Marland asked the Mayor if he could make a Point of Personal Explanation and advised that the Council had been alerted to the fact that a site in the north of Milton Keynes had been identified and the Nuclear Waste services were keen to take that site forward if there was local support. Councillor Marland advised that he did not meet the officers from the Nuclear Waste Services, Council officers did and it was made clear that any proposal to take the site forward would only be progressed if there was local support but would ultimately be the decision of the government. Councillor Marland made no apology for asking the people of Milton Keynes whether there was local support for the site as that was the policy of the Nuclear Waste Services. In doing so a member of Parliament called the Council a liar and therefore it was in the public interest for him to disclose information to show that that the Council was not lying.

Question from Councillor K Bradburn to Councillor J Carr (Cabinet member for Tackling Social Inequalities)

Councillor K Bradburn asked Councillor J Carr, could she confirm what support the Council was providing to charities to support them over the winter?

Councillor J Carr indicated that the Council had recently published its 'Winter Plan' that included over £5m in funding support. This included £9,000/month towards the rental for the shared charities hub, £100,000 to support food charities and £300,000 to support people with financial advice and counselling.

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Mahendran (Chair of Planning Committee)

Councillor Smith asked Councillor Mahendran, could she provide an update on the recent Royal Town Planning Institute awards?

Councillor Mahendran indicated that the service had previously won an award for the best planning authority in the South East and while they did not win the main award they were the only team that was awarded a highly commended in the category. This was an outstanding achievement for the service given the criticism they had received from some quarters.

Question from Councillor M Khan to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor M Khan asked Councillor Marland, could he provide assurance to all the people of Milton Keynes that the Council is one hundred percent committed to supporting peace between Israel and Hamas?

Councillor Marland indicated that I think you are correct that even a limited ceasefire is a move in the right direction, and I am in no doubt that we would all like to see a full ceasefire in Gaza as quickly as possible.

The loss of human life, particularly of innocent women and children, is always distressing. The level of the humanitarian situation in Gaza is unacceptable and needs to be urgently and sustainably addressed.

This council has been very clear that the terrorist actions of Hamas are evil. People in Israel have a right to live in security and to bring those responsible for terror to justice, and see an end to the ordeal for the hostages and their families.

However, this must be done in way that does not punish the innocent people of Palestine and within international law. It is right that pressure is being applied to ensure the government of Israel allows humanitarian aid into Gaza and Keir Starmer and the Prime Minister are right to be leading the calls for that to happen.

It is though clear that to be effective, any ceasefire must mean an end to violent action by both the government of Israel and Hamas. All leaders have an obligation to use their influence to bring this about. Anything other than that will simply mean the cycle of violence will continue.

The only way to a peaceful future will be a stable ceasefire and a renewed international effort to establish a two-state solution of a safe and secure Israel and a viable state of Palestine.

Milton Keynes City Council has already been very clear, on a unanimous cross-party basis, this is our collective view.

What is certain, however, is nothing I say will change the situation in Gaza at all. My focus therefore, as Leader of Milton Keynes City Council, is to ensure that we work with all our communities to foster good relationships where people can express their heartfelt opinions in a way that does not fall back on Anti-Semitic tropes or Islamophobic slurs.

Question from Councillor Clarke to Councillor R Bradburn (Cabinet member for Economy and Culture)

Councillor Clarke asked Councillor R Bradburn, how did he think AI would impact the business community in Milton Keynes?

Councillor R Bradburn indicated that he was fortunate to recently attend a roundtable to discuss artificial intelligence and it was clear that this was only a starting point for business across the city to work together to share ideas and best practice in this field. The Council would continue to assist, steer and listen to all businesses as it was our residents who would benefit from Milton Keynes being at the forefront of AI and the tech sector.

Question from Councillor Hearnshaw to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor Hearnshaw asked Councillor Marland, could he provide an update on the establishment of a working group of Galley Hill residents and whether the Council is still looking to take forward its commitment on the community space?

Councillor Marland acknowledged that while there had been some delay in establishing the working group it would be a key priority for the new Cabinet member. The Leader gave assurances that the Council was committed to providing either a refurbished space in the existing building or a new space for the people of Galley Hill and Fullers Slade to have a community space going forward.

Question from Councillor Bailey to Councillor Townsend (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor Bailey asked Councillor Townsend, could she provide an update as to how the new collection service had impacted on recycling and waste rates?

Councillor Townsend indicated that so far residual waste was down 21%, mixed dry recycling was up 37% and food and garden waste was up 12%. There was also much lower rates of contamination which showed that residents were thinking a lot more about what they did with their rubbish.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Bailey asked Councillor Townsend, could the Cabinet member confirm the Christmas waste collections schedule so this could be shared with residents?

Councillor Townsend indicated that in the week of Christmas that food and garden waste would be suspended and double recycling collections would take place.

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

Councillor Lancaster asked Councillor Marland, could he provide an update on the meeting with Crest Nicholson directors about Kingsmead Green?

Councillor Marland. indicated that there had been an exchange of letters which he would share with Councillor Lancaster but the Council had made clear their position that a 60 mph grid road in this area would not be acceptable, that the green needed to be maintained and that any development needed to ensure that the S106 contributions recompensed for the pressures that would be put on Milton Keynes services.

#### ACTIONS:

1. The Leader advised that Councillor Middleton was stepping down from the Cabinet and new Cabinet and Committee appointments would be announced in due course.
2. Councillor Nolan undertook to ensure that officers updated Councillor Andrew on the investigation into the school bus incident in Hanslope and the follow up actions that had been put in place.
3. The Leader gave assurances that establishing the working group and investigating the provision of a community facility in Galley Hill would be a priority for the new Cabinet member for Resources.
4. The Leader advised that he would update Councillor Lancaster on the recent meeting with Crest Nicholson regarding the proposed development at Shenley Park and any potential impact on Kingsmead Green so that he could share this information with local residents.

#### **CL65 Motion 1 - The Provision of Facilities for Youth Football Across Milton Keynes**

Councillor D Hopkins moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Rolfe:

- “1. That this Council notes that:
  - a) When presenting the outstanding Leah Williamson on 28 February 2023 with her Freedom of the City award this council undertook to ensure that there would be a legacy across MK in her honour to mark this momentous achievement.
  - b) Girl's football has been growing at a phenomenal rate in recent years, and the success of the Lionesses at European and World level has certainly



accelerated that demand. Add to that the ever-growing population growth and expansion in MK - demographically still a young profile, means that the continued growth for already thriving mixed grassroots youth football will continue for the foreseeable future.

- c) Sadly, the reality is that MKCC is still playing catch up in terms of facilities, and in many ways failing to reach its own rather modest targets set before the Lionesses recent achievements. Nowhere represents this more than in the Danesborough & Walton ward and in Wavendon in particular. Wavendon is MK's fastest growing area and home to the largest and oldest grassroots football club with more girl's teams than any other.
- d) Historically Woburn & Wavendon FC has relied upon pitch provision in Central Beds to satisfy demand for its members (who are mostly MK residents), reflecting a deficit in pitch provision.
- e) The Strategic Land Allocation in SE MK promised 8.6 hectares of playing fields to satisfy demands from new developments. However, only just over 2 hectares will eventually be delivered, simply adding further to the deficit. Similarly, grassroots football requires adequate midweek artificial floodlit facilities. These too have lagged behind demand. Already the new 3G at Glebe Farm Combined School in Wavendon is fully booked with a substantial waiting list.

2. That this Council believes that youth football enables our young people to:

- a) Make friends - making friends is an important part of social development for young people. Youth soccer teams provide not only the opportunity for our children, settled or newly arrived and of either gender not only to make friends, but also find a place where they can belong, build self-esteem and confidence, and create a safe space to talk about tough issues. Peer feedback and problem-solving addresses the causes of teenage vandalism and associated anti-social behaviour in some young people by giving them somewhere to go and somewhere to belong.
- b) Build life skills - playing football helps our young people build valuable life skills, such as hard work, decision-making, problem-solving, and communication. Through healthy competition, it also teaches the importance of teamwork and cooperation, balanced by good sportsmanship.
- c) Be active and healthy – youth football is a fun activity that helps young people to stay active and helps combat childhood obesity. With physical activity comes many health benefits like muscular development, but it's also important for kids to learn motor skills like coordination and balance.
- d) Promote gender equality - gender equality is core to effective and sustainable development, and participating in youth football can help break down gender stereotypes.

- e) Experience the joy of childhood - when it comes down to it, football is a game! It's an outlet for kids to play and have fun.
3. That this Council resolves to ask the executive to:
- a) Provide more safe, well designed and constructed grass pitches within future expansion areas in line with real not minimum estimates of demand. The provision of playing fields needs to match the promises made in full. Past deficits need to be addressed. Football facilities need to be delivered earlier in line with housing development (not years later after the majority of houses have been constructed and the communities have moved in).
  - b) Address the need for more floodlit artificial surfaces in line with new housing developments and population growth.
  - c) Address the issues associated with costs and accessibility – be it grass or artificial surface, there has been some reliance on schools to open up their facilities across the city for community use. Community access agreements need to be delivered with all schools be they Academies or Maintained, with a requirement in the agreements to offer realistically priced and year-round community access.
  - d) Undertake a city-wide audit of all youth football facilities and existing grass pitches to assess the level of investment required to improve quality, reduce postponements and grow truly local participation.
  - e) Include a specific section (prepared in conjunction with Sport England) either included in or as an associate document to Plan:MK 2, devoted to setting out just how Plan:MK 2 will ensure the delivery of open space provision for youth football through an ambitious determination to accelerate the provision of such facilities and meet the demand for grassroots football (especially for girls) and in so doing engage and work with the National Football Foundation to garner advice, financial assistance and guidance.”

Councillor J Carr moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Bell:

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  - b) Girl's football has been growing at a phenomenal rate in recent years, and the success of the Lionesses at European and World level has certainly accelerated that demand. Add to that the ever-growing population growth and expansion in MK - demographically still a young profile, means that the continued growth for already thriving mixed grassroots youth football will continue for the foreseeable future.

- c) Sadly, the reality is that MKCC is still playing catch up in terms of facilities, and in many ways failing to reach its own rather modest targets set before **The Council's pitch strategy, prepared using the Sport England matrix is being delivered, but the increase in the women's games shows the need for more space to meet our aspirations driven by** the Lionesses recent achievements. Nowhere represents this more than in the Danesborough & Walton ward and in Wavendon in particular. Wavendon is MK's fastest growing area and home to the largest and oldest grassroots football club with more girl's teams than any other.
- d) Historically Woburn & Wavendon FC has relied upon pitch provision in Central Beds to satisfy demand for its members (who are mostly MK residents), reflecting a deficit in pitch provision.
- e) The Strategic Land Allocation in SE MK promised 8.6 hectares of playing fields to satisfy demands from new developments. However, only just over 2 hectares will eventually be delivered, simply adding further to the deficit. Similarly, grassroots football requires adequate midweek artificial floodlit facilities, **which is recognised within the strategy, with clubs encouraged to access funding via the FA and Football Foundation to ensure this is delivered.** These too have lagged behind demand. Already the new 3G at Glebe Farm Combined School in Wavendon is fully booked with a substantial waiting list.

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  - b) **Continue to address the need for more floodlit artificial surfaces in line with new housing developments and population growth as set out with the Council's Pitch Strategy.**
  - c) **Continue to address the issues associated with costs and accessibility – be it grass or artificial surface, and value community cohesion with partner agencies who deliver more, such as schools, Town and Parish Councils and community groups, who** ~~there has been some reliance on schools to open up their facilities across the city for community use.~~ **Continue to expect Community access agreements to be adhered to as set out within Planning Consents, whether they** ~~be need to be delivered with all schools be they Academies or Maintained, with a requirement in the agreements to offer realistically priced and year-round community access.~~
  - d) **Support the ongoing** ~~Undertake a city-wide~~ audit of all youth football facilities and existing grass pitches **undertaken via the FA and Pitch Power**, to assess the level of investment required **and encourage all landlords and clubs to take up the funding available from the Football Foundation** to improve quality, reduce postponements and grow truly local participation.
  - e) Include a specific section (prepared in conjunction with Sport England) either included in or as an associate document to Plan:MK 2, devoted to setting out just how Plan:MK 2 will ensure the delivery of open space provision for youth football through an ambitious determination to accelerate the provision of such facilities and meet the demand for grassroots football (especially for girls) and in so doing engage and work with the National Football Foundation to garner advice, financial assistance and guidance.”

Councillor D Hopkins accepted the Amendment.

The Substantive Motion was carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

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- b) Continue to address the need for more floodlit artificial surfaces in line with new housing developments and population growth as set out with the Council's Pitch Strategy.
- c) Continue to address the issues associated with costs and accessibility – be it grass or artificial surface, and value community cohesion with partner agencies who deliver more, such as schools, Town and Parish Councils and community groups, who open up their facilities across the city for community use. Continue to expect Community access agreements to be adhered to as set out within Planning Consents, whether they be Academies or Maintained, with a requirement in the agreements to offer realistically priced and year-round community access.
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girls) and in so doing engage and work with the National Football Foundation to garner advice, financial assistance and guidance.

## **CL66 Motion 2 - Boys NEED Bins**

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

- “1. That this Council notes:
  - a) Prostate Cancer UK’s campaign “Boys NEED Bins” which highlights the growing number of those who suffer with incontinence due to prostate treatment; and
  - b) that 1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer and 1 in 3 men over the age of 65 are estimated to have a urinary incontinence problem in the UK.
2. That this Council believes that:
  - a) men who suffer with incontinence should feel comfortable and dignified and be able to dispose of their incontinence pads; and
  - b) sanitary bins should be provided in all toilets so that waste products can be disposed of in a discreet and hygienic manner.
3. That this Council resolves to request the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council to work with officers of the Council to:
  - a) roll out a programme to provide sanitary bins in Council owned accessible toilets as soon as practicable in the present circumstances both financial and logistical;
  - b) write to the city’s MPs to ask them to publicly back the “Boys NEED Bins” campaign; and
  - c) call on other organisations across the city to support the campaign and provide sanitary bins for their employees and public use.”

The Motion was carried by acclamation.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That this Council notes:
  - a) Prostate Cancer UK’s campaign “Boys NEED Bins” which highlights the growing number of those who suffer with incontinence due to prostate treatment; and
  - b) that 1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer and 1 in 3 men over the age of 65 are estimated to have a urinary incontinence problem in the UK.
2. That this Council believes that:

- a) men who suffer with incontinence should feel comfortable and dignified and be able to dispose of their incontinence pads; and
  - b) sanitary bins should be provided in all toilets so that waste products can be disposed of in a discreet and hygienic manner.
3. That this Council resolves to request the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council to work with officers of the Council to:
- a) roll out a programme to provide sanitary bins in Council owned accessible toilets as soon as practicable in the present circumstances both financial and logistical;
  - b) write to the city's MPs to ask them to publicly back the "Boys NEED Bins" campaign; and
  - c) call on other organisations across the city to support the campaign and provide sanitary bins for their employees and public use.

### **CL67 Motion 3 - Is Milton Keynes Killing Me?**

Councillor D Hopkins moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Andrews:

"1. That this Council notes that:

- a) Over the last 10 years the area of Wavendon and Woburn Sands has seen continual construction activity, with 9 major developments leading to the rise in the number of dwellings in Wavendon Parish increasing from approx. 350 to more than 3100 (with many more under construction) and with the expectation that as many of 4000 will be constructed in the so-called SEMK urban expansion area over the coming decade. As a result, residents in the area have endured almost continuous exposure to construction and its impacts.
- b) The physical environment is a key determinant of health. Construction activity can lead to relatively large changes in the physical environment in short periods of time. However, the impacts of construction activity on health outcomes are complex and are often overlooked in the planning process. Existing evidence of the way in which continual exposure to construction activity may result in health impacts is relatively limited.
- c) Through evaluation of conversations and observations from residents, local teaching staff and contractors and traders, it is clear that construction activity affects the lives of residents in Wavendon parish in particular. However, it is also reasonable to assume this impacts the lives of residents across the city area. As construction activity has increased across the area, there have been increases in complaints about dust, noise, vibration, vehicle movements and accidents.



- d) It is common to park in an area where construction is underway and to return to a vehicle within one or two hours to find it covered with dust. This is especially concerning when visiting schools such as St Marys CoE Primary or Glebe Farm Combined which are surrounded by ongoing residential developments under construction and where pupils, teaching staff and local residents have no choice other than to breathe in these particles.
- e) Although there are a number of mitigation measures that are already put in place to lessen the impact of construction on local residents, it is clear that many residents in Wavendon have continued to feel the adverse effects of construction activity, in particular the continual breathing in of often microscopic particles of dust. Going forward, as construction in the area (and in other areas of MKCC) is likely to continue at a similar scale, continued emphasis must be placed on further measures that can be put in place to mitigate the adverse effects that many local residents have highlighted.
- f) According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) definition in 1948 stated that *“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”* Demolition and construction activity can lead to relatively large changes in the physical environment in short periods of time. And that whilst construction activity enables the evolution in the built environment necessary to support sustainable and healthy livelihoods it can also result in sudden changes in noise, pollution, dust and vibration that have knock-on impacts on health outcomes. Whilst construction activity is temporary, these changes can result in lasting effects on human health.

2. That this Council believes that:

- a) Residents across MK do ‘their bit’ in supporting much needed housebuilding but it seems to fall on the same communities, time and time again to take the burden and impacts of such building, year in, year out. Residents should have more consistent access to construction information and noise and pollution monitoring data and be made fully aware of the health and well-being impacts construction has on existing communities.
- b) The use of mitigation measures differs widely between construction sites. Best practise should be adopted consistently across all sites. However, currently, not all negative impacts can be fully avoided nor mitigated. Further appraisal, monitoring and constant review is required.
- c) Evaluation of the cumulative impact of development on health outcomes is a relatively new topic. MKCC (as one of the country’s fastest expanding areas) needs to be at the forefront of developing policy and practices to address the health impacts of development, including through the establishment of a MKCC Development Coordination Team (possibly funded by 106/Tariff monies). What is clear through discussion with local residents is that the cumulative impact of construction can have large impacts on health, often

beyond those identified by existing Health Impact Assessment tools and policy led planning deliverables.

3. That this Council resolves to ask the executive:
  - a) To commission a report into the impacts of construction on existing communities, and those early movers into such expanding developments. In effect, to source and commission an independent socio-economic and health consultancy specialising in understanding the impact of development and infrastructure on social, economic and health outcomes.
  - b) That the findings of the consultancy report should contribute to the developing evidence base towards the local plan Plan:MK 2 (MK2050).
  - c) That, subject to an appropriate evidence base, consideration be given to the remaining undeveloped area on the south east of Milton Keynes (located within the parishes of Wavendon and Woburn Sands) being granted a planning holiday where any future growth is only phased at the latter end of the PlanMK: 2 (MK2050) period, in effect to be undertaken no earlier than the mid 2040's."

Councillor Mahendran moved the following Amendment which was seconded by Councillor Marland.

- "1. That this Council notes that:
  - a) Over the last 10 years the area of Wavendon and Woburn Sands has seen continual construction activity, with 9 major developments leading to the rise in the number of dwellings in Wavendon Parish increasing from approx. 350 to more than 3100 (with many more under construction) and with the expectation that as many of 4000 will be constructed in the so-called SEMK urban expansion area over the coming decade. As a result, residents in the area have endured almost continuous exposure to construction and its impacts.
  - b) The physical environment is a key determinant of health. Construction activity can lead to relatively large changes in the physical environment in short periods of time. However, the impacts of construction activity on health outcomes are complex and are often overlooked in the planning process. Existing evidence of the way in which continual exposure to construction activity may result in health impacts is relatively limited.
  - c) Through evaluation of conversations and observations from residents, local teaching staff and contractors and traders, it is clear that construction activity affects the lives of residents in Wavendon parish in particular. However, it is also reasonable to assume this impacts the lives of residents across the city area. As construction activity has increased across the area, there have been

increases in complaints about dust, noise, vibration, vehicle movements and accidents.

- d) It is common to park in an area where construction is underway and to return to a vehicle within one or two hours to find it covered with dust. This is especially concerning when visiting schools such as St Marys CoE Primary or Glebe Farm Combined which are surrounded by ongoing residential developments under construction and where pupils, teaching staff and local residents have no choice other than to breath in these particles.
- e) Although there are a number of mitigation measures that are already put in place to lessen the impact of construction on local residents, it is clear that many residents in Wavendon have continued to feel the adverse effects of construction activity, in particular the continual breathing in of often microscopic particles of dust. Going forward, as construction in the area (and in other areas of MKCC) is likely to continue at a similar scale, continued emphasis must be placed on further measures that can be put in place to mitigate the adverse effects that many local residents have highlighted.
- f) According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) definition in 1948 stated that *“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”* Demolition and construction activity can lead to relatively large changes in the physical environment in short periods of time. And that whilst construction activity enables the evolution in the built environment necessary to support sustainable and healthy livelihoods it can also result in sudden changes in noise, pollution, dust and vibration that have knock-on impacts on health outcomes. Whilst construction activity is temporary, these changes can result in lasting effects on human health.
- g) That there are a great deal of wider determinates of health and the council has an obligation to be mindful of using phrases such as *“Is Milton Keynes Killing Us,”* with little to no evidence cited other than unscientific individual conversations that may or may not be subject to high levels of confirmation bias of our own unsubstantiated views.
- h) That there is a great deal of evidence that residents in Milton Keynes are dying prematurely due to several issues such as, but not limited to, the lack of affordable housing, poverty, stress, homelessness, a health and social care in crisis, record NHS waiting lists, the need to use foodbanks to feed children and severe prolonged cuts to public services in this country caused by the Conservative government and supported by a ramshackle, disorganised and incompetent local Conservative Group on MK City Council and two local Conservative Members of Parliament.
- i) One of the biggest factors in the health of an individual is the ability to live in a safe, secure and affordable home, a right now denied to millions of people due to 13 years of failure by a Conservative government and the lack of a

coherent long term planning, infrastructure and house building policy in this country, typified by the Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes North nationally supporting housing growth yet continually opposing and undermining well-planned growth in Milton Keynes.

2. That this Council believes that:

- a) Residents across MK do 'their bit' in supporting much needed housebuilding but it seems to fall on the same communities, time and time again to take the burden and impacts of such building, year in, year out. Residents should have more consistent access to construction information and noise and pollution monitoring data and be made fully aware of the health and well-being impacts construction has on existing communities.
- b) The use of mitigation measures differs widely between construction sites. Best practise should be adopted consistently across all sites. However, currently, not all negative impacts can be fully avoided nor mitigated. Further appraisal, monitoring and constant review is required.
- c) Evaluation of the cumulative impact of development on health outcomes is a relatively new topic. MKCC (as one of the country's fastest expanding areas) needs to be at the forefront of developing policy and practices to address the health impacts of development, including through the establishment of a MKCC Development Coordination Team (possibly funded by 106/Tariff monies). What is clear through discussion with local residents is that the cumulative impact of construction can have large impacts on health, often beyond those identified by existing Health Impact Assessment tools and policy led planning deliverables.

3. That this Council resolves to ask the executive:

- a) ~~To commission a report into the impacts of construction on existing communities, and those early movers into such expanding developments. In effect, to source and commission an independent socio-economic and health consultancy specialising in understanding the impact of development and infrastructure on social, economic and health outcomes~~ **To progress a proper evidence base that ensures the impact of new growth is taken into account, and proper mitigations are in place, when developing polices for the New City Plan.**
- b) ~~That the findings of the consultancy report should contribute to the developing evidence base towards the local plan Plan:MK 2 (MK2050).~~
- b) That, subject to an appropriate evidence base, consideration be given to the remaining undeveloped area on the south east of Milton Keynes (located within the parishes of Wavendon and Woburn Sands) being granted a planning holiday where any future growth is only phased at the latter end of the

~~Plan MK: 2 (MK2050)~~ **New City Plan** period, in effect to be undertaken no earlier than the mid 2040's, **noting the Leader of the Conservative Group consistently supporting the investigation of new settlements in the North of the council area to allow this to happen."**

Councillor D Hopkins did not accept the Amendment.

On being put to the vote the Amendment was carried.

Councillor Mahendran, the owner of the Substantive Motion, requested that the Motion be withdrawn. On being put to the vote the Motion was withdrawn.

RESOLVED:

The Substantive Motion (the Amendment having been carried) was withdrawn, with the consent of the meeting.

#### **CL68 Motion 4 - Cycling and Walking Infrastructure**

Council McLean moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Geary.

"1. That this Council notes that:

- a) the cycling and walking infrastructure plan - area schemes, are currently out for consultation;
- b) schemes were developed without the input of many (if any) councillors despite them having in some cases detailed knowledge of historical schemes and their outcomes which this council has forgotten;
- c) at some consultation events, members of the public expressed frustration at the proposals and Ward Councillors were not present to help and facilitate discussions between members of the public and officers; and
- d) parishes and other organisations were informed about this scheme before MKCC councillors when they should have been informed before following the long accepted protocol on Councillor-Officer Relations (Annex E) that there should not be surprises for MKCC councillors from the council in the wards they represent.

2. That this Council:

- a) agrees this was unacceptable and must not be repeated;
- b) asks the Chief Executive to remind all staff, in-line with long held custom and practice, that councillors should be involved in the development of plans and should be informed well in advance of schemes going out for consultation; and
- c) further asks the Chief Executive to make sure that Heads of Service ensure in future this happens."

On being put to the vote the Motion was lost.

RESOLVED:

The Motion was lost.

**CL69 Motion 5 - Housing Ombudsman's Findings**

Councillor Geary moved and Councillor Taylor seconded the following motion:

- “1. That this Council notes:
  - a) with embarrassment and regret the findings of the housing ombudsman, a finding of severe maladministration against the council in regard to housing repairs for a disabled resident and her son, issues that went on over a space of years;
  - b) that this finding showed over 120 logs of works that needed attention over 4 years;
  - c) that the Council failed to react even after a MKCC Councillor became involved;
  - d) that the Council failed to respond within the required timescales to both a stage 1 and stage 2 complaint;
  - e) that the Council did not express empathy or sympathy with the tenant, something that costs nothing; and
  - f) that the Council was instructed to both apologise and pay compensation of £5,500.
2. That this Council requests that the Chief Executive:
  - a) confirm the compensation has been paid and the apology has been sent;
  - b) further write to the resident highlighting this meeting and further apologising on behalf of the Labour Liberal Democrat coalition and all members of the Council;
  - c) undertake a lessons learned exercise if it has not already happened and for the outcomes of this exercise, along with the full list of any changes to the way the Council operates to be forwarded to all Councillors as soon as possible, so that members can be assured that the issues highlighted in this report will not be repeated in this service or any other; and
  - d) be asked to provide assurances in writing to Councillors that the lack of empathy or sympathy in this case is isolated and is not cultural to the organisation as a whole.”

Councillor Darlington moved the following amendment to the motion which was seconded by Councillor Townsend:

- “1. That this Council notes:

- a) with embarrassment and regret the findings of the housing ombudsman, a finding of severe maladministration against the council in regard to housing repairs for a disabled resident and her son, issues that went on over a space of years;
- b) that this finding showed over 120 logs of works that needed attention over 4 years;
- c) that the Council failed to ~~react~~ **ensure sufficient record keeping of actions taken by council officers and the contracted service provider took to try and resolve the issues raised, and that a number of actions did not meet the standard expected by the Council** even after a MKCC Councillor became involved;
- d) that the Council failed to ~~respond~~ **keep proper records and communicate appropriately** within the required timescales to both a stage 1 and stage 2 complaint;
- e) that the **Ombudsman believes that in dealing with the complaint and concerns the Council did not do so with sufficient empathy or understanding of the resident's situation** ~~Council did not express empathy or sympathy with the tenant, something that costs nothing;~~ and
- f) that the Council was instructed to both apologise and pay compensation of £5,500.

2. That this Council ~~requests that the Chief Executive:~~

- a) **requests that the Chief Executive** confirm the compensation has been paid and the apology has been sent;
- b) ~~further write to the resident highlighting this meeting and further apologising on behalf of the Labour Liberal Democrat coalition and all members of the Council~~ **places an apology on behalf of the Executive and whole Council for this matter on record publicly;**
- c) ~~undertake a lessons learned exercise if it has not already happened and for the outcomes of this exercise, along with the full list of any changes to the way the Council operates to be forwarded to all Councillors as soon as possible, so that members can be assured that the issues highlighted in this report will not be repeated in this service or any other~~ **notes the issue was discussed at the meeting of the Housing, Planning and Placemaking Scrutiny Committee held on the 27 September 2023 (draft minute HPPSC15) in which the Director of Environment and Property, and the Head of Housing Maintenance, Investment and Corporate Health and Safety gave an extensive presentation on the actions the Council has taken to improve the service in light of the LGO findings and that the committee made several recommendations on the matter, and asks that the information given at the**

meeting, and any subsequent actions taken, be made available to all Councillors; and

- d) ~~be asked to provide assurances in writing to Councillors that the lack of empathy or sympathy in this case is isolated and is not cultural to the organisation as a whole~~ understands that in light of continued financial pressures on council services, caused by continued funding cuts and the chaos of a Conservative government, supported by a ramshackle, disorganised and incompetent local Conservative Group on MK City Council and two local Conservative Members of Parliament, investment into services such as housing and support services such as customer services is not at a level the Council would like, but reiterates that this case is unacceptable and requests that during the budget setting process the Cabinet be asked to ensure that appropriate resources are being provided to address the issues raised by this case so it is not repeated in future; and
- e) welcomes the findings of the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) into the matter, who is satisfied with the direction of the service, and that substantial improvements have been made over the last three years.”

Councillor Geary did not accept the Amendment.

On being put to the vote the Amendment was carried.

On being put to the vote the Substantive Motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That this Council notes:
  - a) with embarrassment and regret the findings of the housing ombudsman, a finding of severe maladministration against the council in regard to housing repairs for a disabled resident and her son, issues that went on over a space of years;
  - b) that this finding showed over 120 logs of works that needed attention over 4 years;
  - c) that the Council failed to ensure sufficient record keeping of actions taken by council officers and the contracted service provider took to try and resolve the issues raised, and that a number of actions did not meet the standard expected by the Council even after a MKCC Councillor became involved;
  - d) that the Council failed to keep proper records and communicate appropriately within the required timescales to both a stage 1 and stage 2 complaint;
  - e) that the Ombudsman believes that in dealing with the complaint and concerns the Council did not do so with sufficient empathy or understanding of the resident's situation; and



f) that the Council was instructed to both apologise and pay compensation of £5,500.

2. That this Council:

- a) requests that the Chief Executive confirm the compensation has been paid and the apology has been sent;
- b) places an apology on behalf of the Executive and whole Council for this matter on record publicly;
- c) notes the issue was discussed at the meeting of the Housing, Planning and Placemaking Scrutiny Committee held on the 27 September 2023 (draft minute HPPSC15) in which the Director of Environment and Property, and the Head of Housing Maintenance, Investment and Corporate Health and Safety gave an extensive presentation on the actions the Council has taken to improve the service in light of the LGO findings and that the committee made several recommendations on the matter, and asks that the information given at the meeting, and any subsequent actions taken, be made available to all Councillors;
- d) understands that in light of continued financial pressures on council services, caused by continued funding cuts and the chaos of a Conservative government, supported by a ramshackle, disorganised and incompetent local Conservative Group on MK City Council and two local Conservative Members of Parliament, investment into services such as housing and support services such as customer services is not at a level the Council would like, but reiterates that this case is unacceptable and requests that during the budget setting process the Cabinet be asked to ensure that appropriate resources are being provided to address the issues raised by this case so it is not repeated in future; and
- e) welcomes the findings of the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) into the matter, who is satisfied with the direction of the service, and that substantial improvements have been made over the last three years.

#### **CL70 Report on Changes to the Council's Constitution**

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

- “1. That the Civic Honours Protocol attached at Annex B of the report, be agreed.
2. That revised constitution documents (shown with track changes), be agreed:
  - a) Introduction, Summary and Explanation (Annex C);
  - b) Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Annex D); and
  - c) Financial Regulations (Annex E).
3. That in respect of the Council’s Protocol on Councillor-Officer Relations:

- a) Appendix A (The Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity) be removed, on account of the fact it is guidance published by the Secretary of State and accessible online; and
  - b) Revised Appendix C (Councillors' Access to Information – A Hierarchy of Rights) (Annex F shown with tracked changes), be agreed and moved to become an Appendix to the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.
4. That fully revised Contract Procedure Rules (Annex G), be agreed.
5. That the changes to Planning Committee documents, endorsed by the Committee on 7 September (shown with tracked changes), be agreed:
- a) Officer Scheme of Delegation for Development Management Matters (Annex H); and
  - b) Procedure for Public Participation at Planning Committee (Annex I).
6. That authority be delegated to the Director – Law and Governance (in consultation with the Leaders of Political Groups) to make minor and consequential amendments to the following documents:
- a) Responsibility for Functions;
  - b) Officer Employment Procedure Rule; and
  - c) Statutory officers and Proper officer Functions"

During the debate on the item, Councillor Geary moved and Councillor D Hopkins seconded, that the item be deferred. On being put to the vote the motion to defer was lost.

On being put to the vote the recommendations were carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Civic Honours Protocol attached at Annex B of the report, be agreed.
2. That revised constitution documents (shown with track changes), be agreed:
  - a) Introduction, Summary and Explanation (Annex C);
  - b) Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Annex D); and
  - c) Financial Regulations (Annex E).
3. That in respect of the Council's Protocol on Councillor-Officer Relations:
  - a) Appendix A (The Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity) be removed, on account of the fact it is guidance published by the Secretary of State and accessible online; and
  - b) Revised Appendix C (Councillors' Access to Information – A Hierarchy of Rights) (Annex F shown with tracked changes), be agreed and moved to

become an Appendix to the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

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  - a) Responsibility for Functions;
  - b) Officer Employment Procedure Rule; and
  - c) Statutory officers and Proper officer Functions

#### **CL71 Limited Scope Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

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

“That the Council approve the final proposals as set out in the report:

- a) To split the existing Polling District of Wavendon (HC) along the boundary shown in Annex B of the report with the effect that:
  - i. a new Polling District shown in Annex C of the report is created comprising the areas of Eagle Farm South and Glebe Farm (to the west of Newport Road / A1530); and
  - ii. the remainder of Wavendon Polling District (including land to the east of Newport Road / A1530) shown in Annex D will continue to vote at Wavendon Community Centre.
- b) The new Polling District will have its polling place designated as Glebe Farm all through School and its Polling Station will be the sports hall within the school.”

The recommendations were agreed by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

That the Council approve the final proposals as set out in the report:

- a) To split the existing Polling District of Wavendon (HC) along the boundary shown in Annex B of the report with the effect that:
  - i. a new Polling District shown in Annex C of the report is created comprising the areas of Eagle Farm South and Glebe Farm (to the west of Newport Road / A1530); and

- ii. the remainder of Wavendon Polling District (including land to the east of Newport Road / A1530) shown in Annex D will continue to vote at Wavendon Community Centre.
- b) The new Polling District will have its polling place designated as Glebe Farm all through School and its Polling Station will be the sports hall within the school.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 10.00pm