



SUMMONS TO THE MEETING OF MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

When: Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 19:30

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

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Public Questions and Petitions

The deadline for the submission of public questions and petitions is 7.30 pm on Monday 19 February 2024 and should either be delivered to the address below or sent by email to democracy@milton-keynes.gov.uk

The Mayor has the discretion to extend the deadline if the matter is sufficiently urgent and relates to a matter that has arisen in the last 48 hours, subject to the question being submitted a minimum of 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Public Speaking

Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item must give notice by not later than 7.15 pm on the day of the meeting. Requests can be sent in advance by email to democracy@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Enquiries

Please contact Roslyn Tidman on 01908 254589 or roslyn.tidman@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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For those registering or entitled to speak, facilities will be in place to do so in person or via video / audio conferencing, but this is not guaranteed. From time to time there are technical problems which mean we are unable to enable remote participation. When this happens our meetings will continue, although we will try to provide alternatives options, for example through a telephone call as opposed to a video call.

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Agenda

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Agenda

Procedures

1(a) Apologies

1(b) Minutes (Pages 5 - 18)

To approve, and the Mayor to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 January 2024.

1(c) 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.

1(d) Announcements

Public Involvement

2(a) Petitions

Any petitions received by the deadline of 7.30 pm on Monday 19 February 2024 will be reported at the meeting.

2(b) 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 19 February 2024 and any urgent questions agreed by the Mayor.

3. Business Remaining from Last Meeting

3(a) Report on Changes to the Council's Constitution (Pages 19 - 24)

To consider a report on proposed changes to the Council's constitution.

4. Reports from Cabinet and Committees

4(a) Cabinet - 5 December 2023 - Council Tax Base 2024/25 (Pages 25 - 32)

Council Tax Base 2024/25 (Funding Contribution to Parish and Town Councils)
That the proposed 2024/25 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £0.325m, as set out in Annex E1, be noted, and recommended to Council for approval as part of the final Budget in February 2024.

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 be recommended to Council for approval.

4(b) Cabinet - 6 February 2024 - Council Budget 2024/25 and MTFP 2024/25 to 2027/28 (Pages 33 - 58)

To consider the Council Budget for 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28.

Note 1: A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet, along with an addendum and revised Annex I, are included in the agenda. All other annexes and supplementary papers are available [here](#), or on request.

Note 2: A report which outlines changes to the Cabinet's Budget Report, responds to the Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee Report, sets out the additional recommendations that the Council must adopt when setting the level of Council Tax and includes confirmation of the precepts from the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority and Parish / Town Councils will be circulated under separate cover in advance of the Council meeting.

Councillors' Matters

5. 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.

6. Notices of Motions:

None received.