

DELEGATED DECISION

Present: Councillor Lauren Townsend (Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Resources & Customer Experience), Councillor Donna Fuller (Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Health & Communities) and Councillor Ed Hume (Cabinet Member for Housing)

Officers: V Collins (Director - Adult Services), M Carr (Deputy Director of Public Health), R Bates (Assistant Director - Revenue and Benefits), Evans (Head of Homelessness and Tenancy Management), McCormack-Morgan (Public Health Practitioner), S Collins (Principal Lawyer) and S Kempster (Democratic and Electoral Services Officer)

Also Present: Councillor Peter Cannon and Councillor Jenni Ferrans

Milton Keynes Housing Allocation Scheme - Cabinet Member Housing (Councillor Ed Hume)

(a) Decisions

1. That the Milton Keynes Housing Allocation Scheme (2024) be adopted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Adult Services (in consultation with the Cabinet member for Housing) to:
 - (a) to make consequential and minor typographical amendments to ensure that the Housing Allocation Scheme remains compliant with the statutory and operational obligations;
 - (b) authorise the use of the Emergency Band contained in section 3.11 of the Housing Allocation Scheme; and
 - (c) authorise the temporary suspension of the Housing Allocation Scheme referred to in section 1.4 of the scheme, to comply with government guidance (both statutory and non-statutory) or to enable the Local Authority to meet an urgent need. In these circumstances, allocations will be made through an Exceptional Decision Panel.

(b) Reasons for Decisions

Recommendations adopted for the reasons given in the report.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

See report for any alternative options considered.

(d) Documents / Representations Taken into Account

Report.

NHS Health Check GP Delivery: Re-procurement and Contract Award - Cabinet Member Adult Services, Health & Communities (Councillor Donna Fuller)

(a) Decisions

1. That the Council use the NHS Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award B to procure the services of all GP practices to deliver NHS Health Checks, in line with national guidance on behalf of Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils.
2. That the award of contracts to all GP Practices for the delivery of the NHS Health Check programme, on behalf of all three Local Authorities, for a five-year period, commencing on 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2030, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health (in consultation with the Cabinet member for Adult Services, Health and Communities) to award each contract. The total financial envelope to be delegated is £478,562 per annum.

(b) Reasons for Decisions

Recommendations adopted for the reasons given in the report.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

See report for any alternative options considered.

(d) Documents / Representations Taken into Account

Report.

Discretionary Rate Relief Guidelines - (Deputy Leader) Cabinet Member Resources and Customer Experience (Councillor Lauren Townsend)

(a) Decisions

1. *That the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy for Non-Domestic Rates (attached at Annex A to the report) and Discretionary Rate Relief Guidelines for 2025/26 (attached at Annex B to the report), be approved.*
2. *That the list of rural settlements, listed on page 12 of the Discretionary Rate Relief Guidelines (attached at Annex B), as*

required by S.42A Local Government Finance Act 1988, be approved.

(b) Reasons for Decisions

Recommendations adopted for the reasons given in the report.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

See report for any alternative options considered.

(d) Documents / Representations Taken into Account

Report.

Empty Homes Policy - (Deputy Leader) Cabinet Member Resources and Customer Experience (Councillor Lauren Townsend)

(a) Decisions

That the Empty Homes Policy (attached at Annex A to the report) be approved.

(b) Reasons for Decisions

Recommendations adopted for the reasons given in the report.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

See report for any alternative options considered.

(d) Documents / Representations Taken into Account

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Discretionary Financial Assistance Policy - (Deputy Leader) Cabinet Member Resources and Customer Experience (Councillor Lauren Townsend)

(a) Decisions

That the Discretionary Financial Assistance Policy be approved.

(b) Reasons for Decisions

Recommendations adopted for the reasons given in the report.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

See report for any alternative options considered.

(d) Documents / Representations Taken into Account

Report.

A request to call-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) 254195 or e-mail Sharon.bridglalsingh@milton-keynes.gov.uk no later than 5.00pm on Friday 17 January 2025. 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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