

# References from Other Bodies

## Public Realm and Environment Scrutiny Committee (10 January 2024)

### (a) Milton Keynes Waste Recovery Park (MKWRP) – Five Year Review

- (i) The Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member for Public Realm considers options to lobby for energy produced by Advanced Thermal Treatment (ATT) processes (which includes MKWRP) to be excluded from any future carbon tax, on the basis that its outputs are renewable energy. The Committee suggests that such lobbying could be carried out in conjunction with other local authorities employing ATT for waste disposal.

**Response from Councillor Wilson-Marklew (Cabinet Member for Public Realm):**

*As Portfolio Holder, of course I am happy to do this and I would expect cross-party support to do so.*

### (b) Recycling Action Plan

- (i) The Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member for Public Realm considers the setting of suitable targets to increase the recycling of waste in the city and to include these in the waste and recycling strategy.

**Response from Councillor Wilson-Marklew (Cabinet Member for Public Realm):**

*I will review a revised recycling rate for the city through our forthcoming Waste Strategy. This will reinforce our heritage as a high recycling city and the city that is birth of kerbside recycling in the UK. I have asked Officers to include MKWRP availability on the corporate quarterly performance dashboard from the start of 2024/25.*

- (ii) The Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member for Public Realm considers opportunities to build on the Suez community reuse project, by for example exploring opportunities to collaborate with the VCSE sector to repurpose recycled materials into items for use or sale.

**Response from Councillor Wilson-Marklew (Cabinet Member for Public Realm):**

*I'd be happy to consider this, and I will confirm delivery of this via our 2-year Council Plan 2024 to 2026.*