

# NOTICES OF MOTIONS

## Motion 2

### Play Area Improvements Across Milton Keynes

Councillor Trendall (29 February 2024)

- “1. That this Council notes that:
  - a) there are over 400 play areas in Milton Keynes, which are an important factor in maintaining and improving the physical and mental health of our children;
  - b) the more often and the longer these areas are used, the better the outcomes for our families; and
  - c) the user-friendliness of these areas plays a large part in how often, and for how long these play areas are used.
2. That this Council believes that:
  - a) the better these areas are for the users, including importantly the parents and carers of our children, the more they will be used; and
  - b) improving these areas is therefore a factor in improving the welfare of our children.
3. That this Council resolves to ask Cabinet to consider:
  - a) ensuring that every new play area will be equipped with at least one bench seat so that parents/carers have somewhere to sit whilst children play, thus increasing dwell time;
  - b) ensuring that every new play area will be equipped with a waste bin;
  - c) retrofitting those play areas without a bench seat or bin through a five-year rolling upgrade to be complete by May 2029;
  - d) making bench seats with backs that are installed available for the fitting of memorial plaques;
  - e) encouraging companies to sponsor benches and bins to defray the cost to council taxpayers; and
  - f) writing to parish and town councils to and encourage them to place dog waste bins within 20m of each play area, as when there is a parent/carer and child there is often the family pet dog with them.”