

# NOTICES OF MOTIONS

## Motion 1

### Introduction of a “Net Good” Assessment

Councillor Trendall (2 January 2025)

- “1. This council notes:
  - a) It takes seriously its duty to ensure good governance when introducing new or amending existing policies and taking delegated decisions. To do this it has developed robust measures to assess the implications of any new or changed policy or other form of decision.
  - b) This requires that the implications of any new or amended policy or other decision be assessed. These are of the implications relating to: Finance, Legal, Communications, Energy Efficiency, Human Rights/Equality/Diversity, Council Plan, Procurement and Workforce.
  - c) That whilst each of these assessments into the potential implications are, in and of themselves important, they are broadly inward looking as they consider council processes and finance, and the impact of change upon them.
  - d) Recognises that in a city the size of Milton Keynes any change to the status quo has the potential to create winner and losers, and the implications of how this effects residents personally should be a consideration.
  - e) That this motion recognises that the absence of an assessment of the implications as to the effect upon residents is a shortcoming which should be corrected by the council and the Executive.
2. This council resolves, and asks the Executive to consider:
  - a) That the people of Milton Keynes need to have confidence and faith that their council is considering them as individuals and the implications of any measure introduced on them as individuals.
  - b) Introduce an assessment which will consider the implications of whether any new or amended policy or other decision will do, in the long term, “Net Good,” for the people of Milton Keynes.
  - c) Adopt as a Guiding Principle that the “greatest good for the greatest number of residents, with due consideration to vulnerable groups who may require additional support” is used to assess “Net Good”.
  - d) To be the first local authority in the United Kingdom to freely impose upon itself a duty to consider “Net Good” for its residents in its policy and decision-making process.”