

COUNCIL DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 22 NOVEMBER 2017

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b)	<p>Minutes</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 October 2017 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.</p>	-	-
1(c)	<p>Disclosure of Interests</p> <p>None</p>	-	-
2(b)	<p>Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>Six questions received.</p> <p>Council produced statistics to recognise Passmore as a separate estate from Tinkers Bridge, where possible and appropriate.</p> <p>Officer colleagues to review whether Passmore should be included in the Annex to Plan:MK which identified local centres and inform Mr T Baines accordingly.</p> <p>Residents in regeneration areas to be advised of the outcomes once the Cabinet had had the opportunity to consider the issues arising from the motion to be debated by the Council.</p>	-	<p style="text-align: center;">Acting Director of Policy, Insight and Communications Head of Planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Director (Housing and Regeneration)</p>
3.	<p>The Ability of Councillors to Scrutinise Officer Decisions</p> <p>1. That this Council recognises the legitimate concerns expressed by many Ward Councillors and Town & Parish Councils with regard to the recent Officer decision of the awarding of a contract to an Organisation that is currently under investigation by the Audit department of this Council.</p>	-	-

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3 (cont).	<p>The Ability of Councillors to Scrutinise Officer Decisions</p> <p>2. That this Council also recognises that there is a clear Constitutional mechanism in place to enable Councillors to scrutinise decisions made by the Cabinet and individual Members thereof. This mechanism is expressed as the 'Call-In' procedure.</p> <p>3. That this Council further recognises that no such Constitutional mechanism exists for Councillors to scrutinise decisions made by Officers.</p> <p>4. That this Council, therefore, agrees the following:</p>		
	<p>(a) That the Constitution Commission of Milton Keynes Council be asked to look into mechanisms for ensuring that ward councillors can scrutinise decisions taken by officers, and to consider possible thresholds for such considerations.</p> <p>(b) That the Constitution Commission be asked to consider mechanisms to ensure that those making decisions, whether to tender or to award, and those scrutinising them, are notified when a previous contract of this type has come under investigation, and the reasons for the concern, so that appropriate measures can be included in any new specification or contract.</p>		

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4(a)(i)	<p>Dealing with Amendments to Recommendations and Motions</p> <p>In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.2 the recommendation from the Constitution Commission and amendments moved by Councillors Brackenbury and Dransfield to stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.</p>	Council	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
4(a)(ii)	<p>Proposed Constitutional Changes Following Corporate Procurement Peer Review</p> <p>That the Key Decision Definition in the note to Article 4 of the Constitution be amended to £500,000.</p>		Interim Corporate Director Resources / Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
4(a)(iii)	<p>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</p> <p>In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.2 the recommendation from the Constitution Commission to stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.</p>	Council	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
4(b)	<p>Making of the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>That the Council makes the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p>	-	Head of Planning
5(a)	<p>Councillors' Questions</p> <p>(a) Councillor Middleton to provide Councillor P Geary with a response relating to compliance with Building Control requirements for the Civic Offices' refurbishment, specifically whether the necessary permissions were in place for the increased occupancy planned as part of the refurbishment.</p>	-	Councillor Middleton / Service Director (Legal and Democratic Services)

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5(a) (cont).	<p>Councillors' Questions</p> <p>(b) The next quarterly report to Cabinet on Highways issues in the Eastern Expansion Area to include details of actions to address road safety concerns at the Fen road / Newport Road junction at Broughton.</p> <p>Councillor Bint to advise Councillor Gowans of specific concerns about the right turn from Fen Street into the old Newport Road.</p> <p>(c) Head of Highways to respond to Councillor McLean's correspondence regarding a road safety issue reported by one of his constituents.</p> <p>(d) Councillor A Geary to be supplied with details of the financial impact resulting from the delay in the Waste Treatment Facility being operational on the contracts agreed with neighbouring councils to use the facility.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Head of Highways</p> <p>Councillor Bint</p> <p>Head of Highways</p> <p>Service Director (Public Realm)</p>
5(b)(i)	<p>Regeneration:MK – Reassurance to Residents</p> <p>1. That this Council notes that:</p> <p>(a) the seven priority Regeneration:MK estates, and the existing residents, are important to the social, economic and cultural fabric of Milton Keynes;</p> <p>(b) Regeneration:MK is about more than the built environment, and each regeneration scheme must include social and cultural benefits to each community and current residents in conjunction with any possible physical regeneration;</p> <p>(c) Regeneration:MK will improve job opportunities, local amenities and public transport;</p>	-	-

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5(b)(i) (cont)	<p>Regeneration:MK – Reassurance to Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) it is essential to the success of Regeneration:MK that the views and wishes of residents are central to how each area will develop its regeneration proposals; (e) there is a commitment in the Council Plan 2016 to ensure that the scheme for each priority estate is community-led; and (f) Regeneration:MK is supported on a cross party basis by this Council. <p>2. That this Council further notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) regeneration in Fullers Slade began on 24 June 2017 and Your:MK has begun consulting residents to co-design regeneration options, and that other priority estates will follow; (b) Your:MK will ensure the final design option(s) brought forward will be financially sustainable and feasible to deliver; (c) despite this engagement and assurances, long lead times and uncertainty has led to anxiety and worry for local residents; (d) information has not always been as readily or easily available to residents or councillors as it could have been and this has caused unnecessary worry and mistrust; (e) some important information required for communities to build trust and confidence in the process is still outstanding; and (f) unless the regeneration process has the trust and confidence of residents it will not succeed, and that more effort is still needed to ensure this trust and confidence is established and maintained. 	-	-

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5(b)(i) (cont)	<p>Regeneration:MK – Reassurance to Residents</p> <p>3. That this Council therefore:</p> <p>(a) reaffirms the commitment made in Council Plan to a referendum of residents in each estate;</p> <p>(b) asks Cabinet to clarify policy, in particular ensuring that the referendum offers residents the final say on any proposals, and consider recommending to Council:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) that the ballot contains a clear YES or NO option;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) that Milton Keynes Council’s Electoral Services should conduct the referendum;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iii) that only those on the electoral roll in each regeneration area should be able to vote;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iv) that in conformity with the motion passed by Council on 15 July 2015 (Minute CL42 refers), the electoral franchise should include all young people aged 16 years and over;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(v) that every effort is made to ensure registration on affected estates is improved before any ballot;</p> <p>(c) calls on Your:MK to make a step change in communication and engagement with residents to improve trust and confidence in the process;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your:MK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) / Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Director (Housing and Regeneration)</p>

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5(b)(i) (cont)	<p>Regeneration:MK – Reassurance to Residents</p> <p>(d) asks Cabinet to reaffirm the commitment that existing Council tenants will be offered accommodation at least equal to their current circumstances (in room number), unless they explicitly wish otherwise;</p> <p>(e) asks Cabinet to reaffirm the commitment that new social housing will meet Parker Morris space standards;</p> <p>(f) asks Your:MK to ensure all information in the public domain is easily accessible and available to residents and that as much information as possible is placed into the public domain;</p> <p>(g) asks Your:MK to engage and develop the role of ward councillors and parish councils in the regeneration process; and</p> <p>(h) calls on Your:MK to complete the “<i>detailed policy documents for residents, explaining the process for all tenures, including Compulsory Purchase Orders</i>” at the earliest opportunity, to clarify the position for owner occupiers, social tenants and private tenants.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Your:MK</p> <p>Your:MK</p> <p>Your:MK</p>	<p>Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) / Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) / Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Service Director (Housing and Regeneration)</p> <p>Service Director (Housing and Regeneration)</p> <p>Service Director (Housing and Regeneration)</p>

