

Minutes of the meeting of the CABINET held on TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors Marland
Councillors Gifford, Gowans, Legg, Long, Middleton, Nolan and O'Neill.

Present: C Mills (Chief Executive), T Hannam (Corporate Director - Resources), D Sharkey (Corporate Director - Place), G Snelson (Director of Strategy), S Bridglalsingh (Acting Service Director [Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer]), S Gonsalves (Head of Policy and Performance), T Toynton (Interim Head of Highways), M Smith (Infrastructure Coordination Programme and Broadband Manager), F Robinson (MK Futures Programme Manager) and S Muir (Committee Manager)

Also Present: Councillors Bald, Bint, R Bradburn, Clifton, Crooks and D Hopkins and C Macdonald (Chief Executive MKDP), and 11 Members of the Public

C55 CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council welcomed Councillor O'Neill back to Cabinet after maternity leave.

The Leader of the Council also announced changes to Cabinet members portfolios:

- (a) Councillor Long's portfolio as Cabinet member for Adult Care and Housing would include Adult Social Care, Homelessness and Housing.
- (b) Councillor O'Neil's portfolio as Cabinet member for Healthier and Stronger Communities would include Health Improvement, Public Health and Mental Health.

C56 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 6 September 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to the answer given by Councillor Long at Minute C39(c) being amended to read "Councillor Long Cabinet member for Adult Care and Housing, indicated that when the Delegated Decision was made on the 19 July 2016, he had agreed to include Tweed Drive in the consultation".

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillors Bint, Marland and Middleton disclosed personal interests as members of the Milton Keynes Development Partnership Board.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

- (a) Question from Councillor D Hopkins to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor D Hopkins, referring to the proposed East West Expressway and the public interest in the possible route the Expressway would take through the Borough, asked if the Leader or the relevant Cabinet member could reveal the location of the three routes that were being considered by the Strategic Study Stakeholder Reference Group and the route the Administration would recommend be adopted as the preferred route.

Councillor Marland indicated that the three routes from the M40 being considered by the Department of Transport to improve connections between Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge, which it was anticipated would greatly benefit the economic development of Milton Keynes, were:

- to the North of Milton Keynes,
- Via Bicester and Buckingham; and
- Via Aylesbury.

Councillor Marland indicated that a report to consider the Cabinet's preferred route would be considered by the Cabinet in due course.

- (b) Question from Councillor Bint to Councillor Middleton (responsible Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation.

Councillor Bint referring to slippage in the Superfast Broadband Delivery dates thanked officer colleagues for the work they had been doing and requested an update of the revised delivery dates and information on how residents would be informed.

Councillor Middleton indicated that that the issue was due to be considered by the BroadBand Stakeholder Group on 2 November 2016. It was anticipated that there would soon be an improvement in delivery times by Openreach in Broughton Ward and elsewhere in Milton Keynes.

- (c) Question from Councillor R Bradburn to Councillor Gowans (responsible Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor R Bradburn, referring to the delay in works being carried out as part of the Council's Community Parking Scheme at Arncliffe Drive in Heelands, stated that Bradwell Parish Council had set aside an amount of money as their

contribution to the funding of the project and were very disappointed about the length of time taken for Milton Keynes Council to complete the work and asked Councillor Gowans when this would be done.

Councillor Gowans indicated that he would ask officer colleagues to investigate and supply a written response.

- (d) Question from Councillor Bald to Councillor Long (responsible Cabinet member for Adult Care and Housing)

Councillor Bald, referring to information that a property had been obtained by the Council in Luton to provide temporary accommodation for homeless people from Milton Keynes, asked Councillor Long to clarify the reasons for this.

Councillor Long indicated that he was committed to reducing the reliance on temporary Bed and Breakfast accommodation to temporarily house homeless people and therefore the Council had acquired a block of flats from Luton Council. The first 20 families had moved in the previous week and it was anticipated that the property would provide 110 apartments when fully operational.

Councillor Long further indicated that this was an opportunity to re-home temporary homeless people and contribute to addressing the overspend of £2.9m in the Council's budget by reducing the amounts spent on temporary Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

C59

REVIEW OF THE CITY STREET AND SURROUNDING NETWORK IN THE EASTERN EXPANSION AREA

Further to Minute C40 of the Cabinet meeting of 6 September 2016, the Cabinet considered the progress report in relation to improvements in the road network in the Eastern Expansion Area from Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm). The Cabinet also noted the list of issues that had been provided by Councillor Crooks as a Councillors item.

Councillor Crooks highlighted concerns that he and the other Ward Councillors for Broughton had with issues that had not been resolved, or had taken some time to resolve, with the City Streets in the Eastern Expansion Area. He indicated that these issues had contributed to the residents' lack of confidence that streets in the area would be made safe from traffic. The issues Councillor Crooks referred to included:

- A delay in the opening up of Fen Street which needed Cabinet approval.
- Delays in implementing outstanding Traffic Orders in Newport Road by the end of September and a request that the Orders be completed.

- A failure to publish the consultants' report on Countess Way.
- A need for the completion of Fen Street across Broughton Brook to be included in the draft Capital Programme for 2017/18.

Councillor Gowans, the Cabinet member for Public Realm, thanked the Ward members for Broughton for highlighting the issues in the Eastern Expansion Area and outlined the following actions that had been taken or were being proposed to be taken, to resolve these:

- Places for People to remove the barrier across Fen Street by the end of December.
- Works on Fen Street to remove the bus lane markings and to re-surface the pavements as Redways, to take place during November and December and the Council to not introduce any new restrictions on parking along Fen Street.
- The principal developer would start work on the Northern "tie-in" junction linking Newport Road with Fen Street in January when, barring the bad weather and unforeseen circumstances, this work should be completed no later than Tuesday 2 May 2017.
- The downgrading of Newport Road when Fen Street was opened to through traffic becoming the principal through route and the bus services would transfer over.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that it was anticipated that the section of Fen Street from the southern "tie-in" junction out to the new junction where Fen Street met the extension of Countess Way would be opened by Friday 29 September 2017. Vehicle and pedestrian access would therefore continue via Countess Way in the interests of road safety while Brooklands Square was constructed.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that he intended to meet with residents and set up a working group that would include the responsible Cabinet member, the Councillors for Broughton Ward, Places for People and appropriate officer colleagues, which would be chaired by the Cabinet member.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated his disappointment that previous Delegated Decisions that had been taken had not been fully actioned and also indicated that the proposed working group should include input from residents.

Councillor Marland also indicated that the issues were complex and involved some actions that were not the responsibility of the Council, but of the landowner or developer, and in order to progress these satisfactorily, the working group needed to proceed in a collaborative manner.

The Cabinet noted the urgency of the half term opening of a major secondary school in the area where there was neither traffic calming

nor pedestrian crossing and that this would be included in the list of issues.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bint who indicated his support for the points made by Councillor Crooks, and to four members of the public during consideration of the item.

The Cabinet noted the progress to date of the Eastern Expansion Area City Street and surrounding network review and also that a further update of the progress of the action plan would be provided to its next meeting in November and on a quarterly basis thereafter.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Ward members for Broughton be thanked for bringing to the Cabinet's attention details of the ongoing review of the City Street and surrounding highway network in the Eastern Expansion Area.
2. That the following detailed updated position in regards to the opening of roads around Fen Street, following further dialogue between Milton Keynes Council and Places for People (the principal developer), be noted:
 - (a) Places for People would remove the barrier across Fen Street by the end of December.
 - (b) Works on Fen Street to remove the bus lane markings and to re-surface the pavements as Redways will take place during November and December and the Council will not introduce any new restrictions on parking along Fen Street.
 - (c) The principal developer will start work on the Northern "tie-in" junction linking Newport Road with Fen Street in January. Barring bad weather and unforeseen circumstances this work will have been completed no later than Tuesday 2 May 2017. Newport Road will then be downgraded, Fen Street will be opened to all through traffic and will become the principal through route, and the bus services will transfer over.
 - (d) Barring unforeseen circumstances the section of Fen Street from the southern "tie-in" junction out to the new junction where Fen Street meets the extension of Countess Way will be opened no later than Friday 29 September 2017. Vehicle and pedestrian access will therefore continue via Countess Way in the interests of road safety while Brooklands Square is constructed.
3. That an update of the progress of action points be provided to the November 2016 meeting of the Cabinet.
4. That a working group comprising the responsible Cabinet member, the ward councillors for Broughton Ward, Places for

People and appropriate officer colleagues, and to include input from residents and be chaired by the Cabinet member, be established

5. That the working group report to the Cabinet on a quarterly basis.

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WESTERN EXPANSION AREA - V4 WATLING STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The Cabinet considered approving construction of an underpass at Junction 25 and a footbridge at Junction 4 of the V4 Watling Street.

It was reported that the outline planning approval for the Western Expansion Area was granted in 2007 by the Milton Keynes Partnership (MKP) which included the provision of "at grade" crossings at the junctions between the Western Expansion Area development and the V4. However, At Grade Crossings were contrary to the current policy outlined in the 2013 Core Strategy and Residential Design Code. That Policy required that all grid roads had "grade separated" crossings which meant that a Cabinet decision on the preferred means of providing crossings was necessary.

It was also reported that at its meeting on 13 December 2013 (Minute C114 refers) the Cabinet had resolved to initiate feasibility studies for the provision of underpasses or footbridges across the V4. As part of this work, a study was commissioned to identify the likely desire lines (the path that pedestrians take informally) for pedestrian and cycle traffic between the Western Expansion Area and adjoining estates. The study had identified two primary locations where crossings were necessary, Junction 4, at the intersection with Millers Way (H2) and Junction 25 at the intersection with Barrosa Way, Whitehouse. At that meeting, the Cabinet had also resolved that the crossings should take the form of underpasses and only where this was not feasible should footbridges be considered as the preferred option

The Cabinet was informed that a number of large scale buried pipes at Junction 4 could preclude the possibility of constructing an underpass. However, the option to provide a footbridge would require the purchase of additional land. It was therefore suggested that residents in the Western Expansion Area likely to be affected by the provision of a pedestrian crossing solution to be installed at Junction 4, should be consulted on this and their views on the type of crossing taken into account.

Councillor Gifford, the Cabinet member for Place, summarised that the costs for both options were similar at £3m and £3.4m. The option to provide an underpass would be the safer, but more expensive option.

Councillor Gifford also indicated that resources of £3m to deliver grade separated crossings had been identified within the Council's Capital Programme with funding allocated for the period 2015/16 to

2019/20. However should the underpass option be decided, the budget would need to be re-costed.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Cabinet) indicated that the Cabinet had noted residents' concerns about the footbridge solution due to public safety issues and privacy for adjacent homes.

The Cabinet heard from Councillors Bald, Bint and R Bradburn and two members of the public during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the construction of a pedestrian underpass at Junction 25 of V4 be approved.
2. That a decision on the type of pedestrian crossing to be installed at Junction 4 of V4 Watling Street be deferred to allow residents likely to be affected by the crossing to be consulted on the type.

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MK FUTURES 2050 - INITIAL PROGRAMME PLAN

The Cabinet noted that the MK Futures 2050 Commission was initiated by the Council at its meeting on 20 July 2016 (Minute CL45 refers) with a view to establishing a long-term vision and agenda for the future success of Milton Keynes.

It was reported that the Commission had now completed its work and published its final report, "Making a Great City Greater" as resolved by the Council in July.

It was also reported that Cabinet had been asked to establish a programme to progress the Commission's proposals for Six Big Projects and a Strategy for 2050 along with the early steps for implementing the projects and successfully delivering the long-term vision.

The Cabinet considered whether it should establish dedicated arrangements to progress the Projects or not. It was noted that if dedicated arrangements were not put in place to progress the recommendations, the requirement for dedicated resources would be reduced and it would mean that the ambitions for the borough's long-term success as envisaged by the Commission and supported by the Council, would most likely not be delivered.

Councillor Marland, (Leader of the Council), indicated that whilst the Council was supplying the central leadership role in delivering the MK Futures 2050 programme, individual projects would be progressed via a range of established and new governance arrangements, some of which would be under the leadership of external partners. Detailed plans for individual projects would be developed by the relevant governance bodies once they had been fully established. The initial milestones and arrangements identified in this Programme Plan should therefore be considered as indicative at this stage.

Councillor Marland, Leader of the Council also indicated that the pressures of £320,000 for 2017/18 and £25,000 for 2018/19 would be incorporated into the medium term financial plan and Budget to enable the delivery of MK Futures and to secure external investment. Resource allocation and spend approval for £200,000 from the Tariff to support the delivery of MK:IT would also be required. The six Big Projects would be reflected in the development of Plan:MK and were included in the Council Plan. However it was anticipated that amendments would be made as projects evolved.

Councillor Marland further indicated that this was an initial project plan and phasing of the projects and the costs would be analysed as they came forward. Also, delivery of East West Rail was to be added to the key objectives of Project 1.

Councillor Clifton, who had held the Cabinet Portfolio for MK Futures 2050, indicated that critical to the successful programme approach had been the engagement and collaborative working from all Councillors and stakeholders.

Councillor Clifton also indicated that the Programme Director would be required to provide progress reports back to Cabinet at six monthly intervals. The progress reports would include detailed project plans which would be developed by the individual projects once they were established.

The Cabinet heard from Councillors Bald, Bint, and D Hopkins during consideration of the item

RESOLVED -

1. That the fundamental importance of the agenda established by the MK Futures 2050 Commission to delivering a successful long-term future for Milton Keynes be endorsed.
2. That the proposed programme structure and governance arrangements be approved as the starting point for the delivery of the Six Big Projects and Strategy for 2050 recommended by the Commission.
3. That the early progress in establishing the individual projects and the initial view of the next steps for each be noted.
4. That the Programme Director be requested to report back to Cabinet at six monthly intervals on progress, including the more detailed project plans that will be developed by the individual projects once they are established.
5. That a one-off pressure of £320,000 for 2017/18 and £25,000 for 2018/19 be incorporated into the medium term financial plan and Budget to enable the delivery of MK Futures and to secure external investment and the delivery of the benefits identified.

6. That resource allocation and spend approval for £200,000 from the Tariff to support the delivery of MK:IT be approved
7. To expedite the delivery of the East West Rail be added to the key objectives of Project 1 – Growth and Strategy

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL - COUNCIL PLAN 2016/2020

The Cabinet considered the first quarterly update of progress against delivery of the Council Plan agreed by the Council at its meeting on 13 July 2016 (Minute CL39 refers).

It was reported that the Delivery Plan was an integral part of the Council Plan and set out the detailed activities and milestones that it was anticipated would deliver the aspirations set out in the Council Plan from now until 2020. The Plan reflected the joint key priorities and policies agreed by the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups, as set out in the Agreement to Work dated 12 May 2016 which was based on the manifestos of the two Groups.

It was also reported that the Council Plan recognised the principles and values of a co-operative council and how these connected to the Council's values, colleague competencies and appraisal mechanism. The Delivery Plan contained three overall headline objectives for Milton Keynes: To Be a Place of Opportunity; An Affordable Place; and A Healthy Place. To support these overarching objectives, there were sixteen priority themes, each with a number of specific actions as outlined in the Plan.

The Cabinet noted that good progress had already been made in a number of areas, including:

- The Cabinet decision on 6 September 2016 to take forward a number of initiatives in relation to meeting the needs of homeless people to whom the Council did not have a statutory duty.
- The positive local and national response to the MK Futures 2050 report, which focussed on the future direction and growth of Milton Keynes.
- The provision of a comprehensive response to the National Infrastructure Commission.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) introduced the detailed delivery plan and clarified that although progress on the Agora re-Development and that Wolverton Works Regeneration Plans were shown as "causing concern" on the Annex; progress on the Agora Re-development would be resolved by a Delegated Decision in October; and that a planning application had been submitted by St Modwen's for Wolverton Works Regeneration. Councillor Marland also confirmed that information of the policies required to support Plan:MK would be circulated.

Councillor Marland also indicated, in response to a question from Councillor Bint, that written questions about transport issues should be forwarded to Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm) for response.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bint during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the progress on the implementation of the Council Plan Delivery Plan be noted.
2. For Action: That a detailed list of all policies required to support Plan:MK be confirmed.

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MILTON KEYNES DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS PLAN

The Cabinet considered the Milton Keynes Development Partnership's quarterly update which set out progress achieved on the Development Partnership's Business Plan.

It was reported that Development Partnership continued to make solid progress against its Business Plan and the financial targets set by the Council. The Partnership had revised upwards its forecast for the financial year 2016/17 to £6.9m, an increase of £1.62m (a 27% increase) and in the medium term, the Partnership had been asked to begin making provision to part address the forecast medium term shortfall in the Council's Capital Programme.

Councillor Middleton, the Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation indicated that the Development Partnership had begun a range of work designed to explore how it could support the Council's agreed policy priorities. Following the adoption of the Council Plan in July of this year, work was underway to establish projects that might be brought forward in the near future to meet the City's pressing housing needs and the shortfall of affordable housing in the Borough. To support the Council's recently adopted non-statutory homelessness policy, the Partnership had recently agreed to make The Old Bus Station available as an administrative base for The Winter Night Shelter, supporting its invaluable work over the coming months.

Councillor Middleton also indicated that in the longer term, the Milton Keynes Development Partnership had been tasked with undertaking preliminary work about how 'CMK Renaissance', one of the MK Futures 2050 commission projects, could be delivered in partnership with other stakeholders across the city. Also, in line with the adopted Council Plan, the review of the Development Partnership had been started. It was anticipated that this review would report towards the end of the year and would explore how the Partnership could better deliver for the people of Milton Keynes.

Councillor Middleton also summarised the reasons for the £4m contribution in March 2019 to the Council to assist the Council with its budget delivery in that year. However, Councillor Middleton indicated that delivery of this contribution was dependent upon revising future years' risk factors and increasing anticipated capital receipts.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bald during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the progress to date in delivering the Council's agreed and emerging policy priorities be noted.
2. That the commenced MKDP review and its outcomes be noted.
3. That the Milton Keynes Development Partnership's solid progress against the Business Plan and its short to medium term financial targets be noted.
4. That it be noted that the Milton Keynes Development Partnership has revised upwards its forecast for the financial year 2016/17 to £6.9m an increase of £1.62 m (27% increase).
5. That the forecast revenue and capital position from 2015/16 to 2019/20 be noted.
6. That the Milton Keynes Development Partnership's intention to meet its interest and MK tariff risk share reserve requirements to 2018 and beyond be noted.

C64

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (2017/18 TO 2020/21)

The Cabinet considered the Financial Sustainability Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21, which was a four year plan required by the Department of Communities and Local Government to access a four-year Revenue Support Grant allocation.

It was reported that there was further requirement, as part of this process, for the Council to advise the Department of Communities and Local Government of the range of projects where the Council sought to use capital receipts more flexibly (in line with changes in legislation) to support transformation in the delivery of a range of the Council's services.

Councillor Middleton, the Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation, indicated that in addition to the reductions in funding, which included reducing the Revenue Support Grant to nil by 2020/21 on a tapering basis, Government models had not made an allowance for the growth in population or the additional demands for critical services such as Housing and Adult Social Care which meant that the Council's financial strategy had to find ways to address the forecasted financial gap of £54.6m from 2017/18 to 2020/21.

Councillor Middleton also indicated that to achieve a balanced budget the Council had to find better ways of delivering sustainable services similar to the Local Government Shared Services (LGSS) model that had been adopted in March 2016.

Councillor Middleton reported that specific proposals had been identified to address up to £30m of the financial pressures and these included funding sources such as releasing properties and sites to generate capital receipts, 'Invest to Save' such as the Residual Waste Scheme which could deliver cost reductions or investment income, the exploration of Joint Venture schemes and the flexible use of capital receipts to fund the revenue costs of transition.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that there were difficult times ahead with challenging choices for the Council to make about the delivery of future services and the Financial Sustainability Plan clearly summarised to Government the plans to achieve these.

Councillor Gifford the Cabinet member for Place indicated that many of the proposed changes could impact on Parish and Town Councils and that the proposals would be discussed at a special meeting of the Parish Forum scheduled for March 2017 which was being organised by Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (MKALC).

Councillor Nolan, the Cabinet member for Children and Families emphasised that the funding formulas being offered did not recognise the increases in population with regard to increases in school admissions which were nationally at 4%, but in Milton Keynes were at 14%. Councillor Nolan also gave examples of increases in demand for school places, Early Years Settings and Young People in Care.

Councillor Long, the Cabinet member for Adult Care and Housing, indicated that there were significant increases in the population of those aged over 85 years and sustainable ways were being sought to help this age group to remain living independently.

The Council's Section 151 Officer outlined both the impact on the Council's Reserves of the new Business Rates Retention Scheme in 2020/21 and the likely increase in Business Rates Appeals.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Bald, Bint and Crooks during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the financial forecast, in relation to both resources and expenditure, be noted.
2. That the financial strategy and work underway be noted.
3. That the Reserves Policy be approved.
4. That the Financial Principles be endorsed as a sound basis for the future financial management of the Council.

C65

REVISIONS TO CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND SPEND APPROVALS

The Cabinet considered Spend Approvals for schemes in the 2016/17 Capital Programme and amendments to existing schemes within the Programme.

It was noted that changes outlined in the report would result in a revised Capital Programme for 2016/17 of £302.60m. Against this programme, £270.559m of spend approval had been given to enable individual projects to commence or continue.

Councillor Middleton the responsible Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation, highlighted schemes coming forward that included Responsive Highway Resurfacing of £0.17m in 2016/17, additional resurfacing work following the award of the Department of Transport Maintenance Incentive grant, an enlarged Surface Dressing Programme of £0.29m in 2016/17 following the award of the Department of Transport Potholes Grant, and Data Hosting to increase provision of the Storage Area Network Hardware and Network Switches which had been funded from the New Homes Bonus and a Single Capital pot grant.

RESOLVED -

1. That the amended resource allocation and spend approvals for the Capital Programme 2016/17 be approved.
2. That the revised funding position for the Capital Programme 2016/17 be noted
3. That the amended resource allocation and spend approvals for the Tariff Programme 2016/17 be approved.
4. That the current position of the Tariff Programme 2016/17 be noted.

C66

REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO END OF SEPTEMBER 2016

The Cabinet considered provisional outturn for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Dedicated Schools Grant.

The Cabinet noted the:

- (a) General Fund revenue forecast outturn was an overspend of £1.929m, after the use of £3.116m of one-off resources (a reduction in the overspend of £0.246m since Period 5). However, there was a significant additional risk from the delay to the Residual Waste Treatment Facility of up to £0.864m (after the use of £2.3m of one-off reserves);
- (b) Dedicated Schools Grant was reporting a forecast overspend of £1.092m against budget (an increase in overspend of £0.044m since Period 5);

- (c) Housing Revenue Account was reporting a (£0.957m) surplus;
- (d) Capital Programme had spend approval of £270.559m. The outturn was £261.670m, an overall variation of (£8.889m);
- (e) additional information on workforce, treasury management activity, LGSS, write offs and debt, S106 and the Tariff programme and
- (f) Milton Keynes Development Partnership was forecasting a revenue outturn overspend of £0.150m.

Councillor Middleton the responsible Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation introduced the report and updated the Cabinet with regard to the bankruptcy of a sub-contractor employed on the Residual Waste Treatment Facility project. Councillor Middleton clarified that the Council would not be incurring direct costs for this but there was an additional risk of £864k and 8 month delay to the completion of the project. Councillor Middleton added that it was a priority to open this facility and that the amount set aside in the reserves for the Residual Waste Treatment Facility project was to be re-checked.

Councillor Middleton also indicated his disappointment in the overspends in budget on Housing and Communities and Children's Social Care but that it was anticipated that the consequential effects of resolving the housing issues would impact positively on other budgets such as Home to School travel for children out of area.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that the Cabinet supported the timely opening of the Residual Waste Treatment Facility and that BroadBand at Lovat Fields Extra Care Village had been included in the re-phasing of the BroadBand project.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Bald and Bint during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the current forecast outturn of £1.971m, after the use of (£3.116m) of one-off resources and the mitigating management actions which are currently underway be noted.
2. That the current risk due to the delay in the Residual Waste Treatment Facility of up to £0.864m (after the use of £2.300m of the Waste Risk Reserve) be noted.
3. That the forecast outturn for the DSG; HRA, 2016/17 Capital Programme, Tariff programme and S106 position be noted.
4. That the treasury activity the movement in establishment; the amounts written off during the year and the current debt position of the Council at 30 August 2016 be noted.

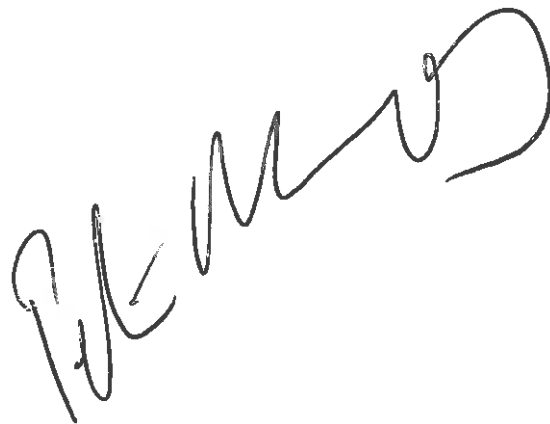
5. That the forecast outturn for the Milton Keynes Development Partnership be noted.

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PROCUREMENT AND COMMISSIONING

That Cabinet received the Minutes of the meetings of Procurement and Commissioning held on 5 July 2016 and 19 July 2016 be received.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.35 PM

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