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Minutes of the MEETING of the MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on  
WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillor Khan (Mayor)  
Councillors Alexander, Balazs, Baume, Bowyer, M Bradburn,  
R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead,  
Darlington, De Villiers, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, P Geary, Hall,  
Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hume, Hosking, Hussain, Imran,  
Jenkins, Lancaster, Legg, Marland, Marlow, McLean, McPake,  
McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, Nazir, B Nolan, Z Nolan,  
Priestly, Raja, Rankine, Reilly, Rolfe, Taylor, Townsend, Trendall,  
Verma, Walker, Wallis, Wardle and Wilson-Marklew.

Alderman Miles and Alderwomen Saunders

10 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillors Baines, K Bradburn and Gilbert.

Aldermen Bartlett, Beeley, Bristow, Connor, Coventry, Henderson,  
Howell, Lewis, McCall, McKenzie and Tallack and Alderwomen  
Henderson and Lloyd.

**CL116 MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 January  
2022 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**CL117 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The Council was advised that as any payment of, or liability to pay,  
Council Tax did not create a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined  
in the national rules; all councillors were eligible to take part in the  
business of setting the Council Tax or precept.

Councillors D Hopkins and Hume advised the Council for the purpose  
of transparency, that in relation to Item 6 they were a member of the  
Wavendon Parish Council and the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town  
Council respectively.

**CL118 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor made announcements in respect of:

- (a) The pre-election period;
- (b) Ward based budgets;
- (c) Thanks to the Head of Finance and the Finance Team;
- (d) Newport Pagnell Town FC; and
- (e) The resignation of Councillor Andrew Geary

**CL119 PETITIONS**

The Council received a petition regarding the condition of the former Two Wrestlers pub building at 51 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell.

The Leader of the Council indicated that the Council considered the preservation of this building to be of the utmost importance. The owners and other stakeholders had previously been engaged to discuss solutions for the site. The ongoing absence of works or a credible scheme for either the immediate or long term preservation of the building continued to cause considerable concern and as such the Council was working on statutory options for urgent preservation works to the building. The Council would welcome discussions with Newport Pagnell Historical Society and other stakeholders to further explore options for the site.

**CL120 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

**CL121 BUSINESS REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

None.

**CL122 REPORTS FROM CABINET & COMMITTEES – CABINET 2 NOVEMBER 2021**

Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources) moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 November 2021, which was seconded by Councillor Marland.

“That the proposed 2022/23 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £0.325m be agreed.”

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed 2022/23 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £0.325m be agreed.

**COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2022/23 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/23 – 2025/26**

Councillor Marland moved the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 February 2022, together with recommendations relating to the precepts from the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority and parish / town councils, necessary for the Council to adopt when setting the level of Council Tax, which were seconded by Councillor Middleton:

- “1. That Council agrees:
  - a) That the Revenue Budget 2022/23 totalling £228.096m be approved.
  - b) That the Council Tax at Band D of £1,520.55 for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax, be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council. This is an increase of 3.75%, consisting of a 1.99% general increase and 1.76% Adult Social Care Precept.
  - c) That the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish Precepts) of £137.404m, be noted.
  - d) That the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as adopted by the Council on 24 February 2021, be continued for 2022/23, with amendments that reflect changes to related benefits and to the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations; retaining the delegation to the Director Finance and Resources to make technical legislative changes.
  - e) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 [the “Act”]:
    - i) £601.670m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish and town councils. (Gross expenditure including precepts)
    - ii) £454.409m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3). (Net income excluding Council Tax requirement)

- iii) £147.261m As its Council Tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4).
- iv) £1,629.64 As the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts), being the amount at (c) above, divided by the Council Tax Base agreed on 2 November 2021.
- v) £9,857,495 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- vi) £1,520.55 Being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the Council Tax Base agreed on 2 November 2021, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for Milton Keynes Council, excluding Parish and Major Precepting Authorities.
- f) That the following amounts be calculated for Milton Keynes Council Tax:

**Table A – Milton Keynes Council Tax**

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MKC With 1.99% Increase	912.93	1,065.08	1,217.24	1,369.39	1,673.70	1,978.01	2,282.32	2,738.78
ASC Levy Further 1.76% Increase	100.77	117.57	134.36	151.16	184.75	218.34	251.93	302.32
<b>MKC Total 3.75%</b>	1,013.70	1,182.65	1,351.60	1,520.55	1,858.45	2,196.35	2,534.25	3,041.10

- g) That the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act.
- h) That for the year 2022/23, Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

**Table B – PCC for Thames Valley Council Tax**

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
160.85	187.66	214.47	241.28	294.90	348.52	402.13	482.56

- i) That for the year 2022/23, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

**Table C – Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority Council Tax**

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
48.11	56.12	64.14	72.16	88.20	104.23	120.27	144.32

- j) That as a result of the above, the amounts of Council Tax (shown in Appendix A and B) be set in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in the Schedule.
- k) That the 2022/23 levies payable to the Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency be noted.
- l) That the estimated position for the Dedicated Schools Grant of £306.123m and the Schools block funding formula for 2022/23 be noted and the budget and formula allocation for the High Needs and Early Years blocks, be approved.
- m) That the forecast parking surplus be noted.
- n) That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget 2022/23 be recommended to Council for adoption.
- o) That the Housing Revenue Account Dwelling Rent 2022/23, an increase of 4.1%, an average of £3.55 per week, be recommended to Council.
- p) That the Rent and Service Charge Policy for 2022/23 be approved.
- q) That the fees and charges for 2022/23 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and

Collection Policy) be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.

- r) That the Capital Strategy be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.
- s) That the Capital Programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26 be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.
- t) That the resource allocation for the 2022/23 Tariff programme be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.
- u) That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 to 2026/27 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Borrowing Limits be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.
- v) That the financial forecast set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), in relation to both resources and expenditure, be noted.
- w) That the One Off Investment Proposals be approved.
- x) That the equalities impact assessments for the Revenue Budget 2022/23, be noted.

2. That in Annex U, the reference to:

- a) 'Brooklands' be amended to read 'Broughton ward'; and
- b) 'Play area improvements (Shenley Church End)' be amended to read 'Play Area – Wooden Bridges (Shenley Lodge)'
- c) That the following additions to Annex U (Cabinet Investment Proposals) be agreed:
  - a) Energy crisis fund - £250,000. Funding will be provided to help those in extreme fuel poverty to ensure people do not fall into debt that may impact council services e.g homelessness
  - b) Energy efficiency measures- £250,000. Funding to assist those in fixed incomes reduce energy use and reduce fuel bills through provision of energy efficiency measure such as insulation.
  - c) Additional pothole repairs - £100,000. Further additional funding to boost pothole to over 10,000 additional repairs.
  - d) Bletchley regeneration footpath repairs - £125,000. Funding for footpath resurfacing across Bletchley as

part of the commitment to regeneration and enhancing town deal improvements.

- e) Older town footpath repairs - £125,000. Funding for footpath resurfacing in older towns Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Wolverton and New Bradwell.
- f) Renewal estate footpath repairs - £100,000. Funding for footpath resurfacing across renewal estates to enhance renewal programme.
- g) Older New Town estates footpath repairs - £100,000. Funding for older new town estate footpath resurfacing (e.g. Hodge Lea, Springfield, Downs Barn).
- h) Mental Health support - £75,000 additional funding for mental health support for young people to meet additional demand due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- i) Blue Lagoon improvements - £30,000. Improvements to Blue Lagoon in Bletchley as part of regeneration and assist in production of prospectus to attract external funding.
- j) Disability public realm improvements - £50k. Funding for adaptations such as dropped kerbs for disabled access.
- k) Dementia friendly public realm improvements - £25,000. Funding for improvements to the public realm as part of becoming a Dementia Friendly city e.g signage.
- l) Additional street sign funding - £25,000.
- m) Road adoptions funding - £25,000. Funding to enhance the work taking place to adopt roads in new developments more quickly.
- n) Additional landscaping - £138,000.
- o) Additional Summer of Play - £100,000.
- p) New Town Heritage Register - £20,000. Funding to ensure the production and maintenance of the New Town Heritage Register.

The Council heard from the Leaders of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups, together with Councillor Brown, Chair of the Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee as well as receiving the response from Councillor Middleton, Cabinet member for Resources to the recommendations of the Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

The Council also received the responses to the public consultation on its draft budget.

Councillor Rankine moved the following amendments on behalf of the Conservative Group, which were seconded by Councillor Walker and on which recorded votes were requested:

“That the following words are added to the end of resolution 1.3 from the Cabinet meeting on 1 February 2022:

- i. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:
  - a) £200,000 – For additional deployable CCTV cameras to crack down on issues like fly tipping, ASB, knife-crime and pet theft.
  - b) £10,000 – For the rollout of bleed control kits.
  - c) £25,000 – Grants for Community Speed Watch projects.
- ii. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:
  - a) £60,000 – Establish a Pest Control Team to tackle the growing rat problem in all parts of MK (*funded from GF Balance*)
  - b) £50,000 – Additional litter picks along grid roads (*funded from Waste Transfer Station Works Budget*)
  - c) £25,000 – Anti-graffiti measures (*funded from Waste Transfer Station Works Budget*)
  - d) £20,000 – Parish Council grants for Waste Amnesty Schemes to target fly-tipping hotspots (*funded from GF Balance*)
  - e) £5,000 – Additional equipment and advertisement to support Community Litter Picks Across MK (*funded from GF Balance*)
  - f) £200,000 - Road safety improvement schemes (white & yellow lining, damaged road signs etc) (*funded from Waste Transfer Station Works Budget*)



- iii. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:
  - a) £150,000 – Investment into underutilised spaces and units across Milton Keynes to implement ‘Meanwhile Use’ interventions such as unused roundabout advertisement spaces, temporary community and recreational activities, to arts, culture and commercial uses.
  - b) £100,000 – Global MK campaign, to develop MK Council’s inward investment team to market MK and take advantage of the 70+ new trade agreements made since Brexit’
- iv. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:
  - a) £300,000 over two years – mental health for support to 16-64 & 64+ groups.
  - b) £200,000 over two years –mental health support for children and young people.’
- v. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:

£20,000 in grants for community groups and parish councils to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022.’
- vi. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:

£150,000 to provide improvements to pedestrian safety and traffic calming on Newport Road entrance to St Thomas Aquinas School.’
- vii. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:

£15,000 to initiate a project to develop a memorial to Codebreaker Allan Turing in Bletchley.’
- viii. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:

£5,000 for CCTV across both footbridges connecting Loughton to CMK.’

- ix. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:  
£100,000 to develop a cricket pitch and training facilities to support the community of Shenley Brook End Parish.'
- x. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:  
£100,000 for footpath resurfacing in Emerson Valley and Shenley Lodge.'
- xi. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:  
£100,000 for the refurbishment of redways and underpasses connecting Furzton and Emerson Valley to West Bletchley.'
- xii. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:  
£100,000 for footpath resurfacing in Bradville and Stantonbury.'
- xiii. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:  
£100,000 for footpath resurfacing in Simpson, Woughton on the Green and Woughton Park.
- xiv. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:  
£138,000 for a package of flood defence support to Newport Pagnell & Stony Stratford, as two towns in Milton Keynes most consistently at risk of flooding. This will fund: training of community flood recovery responders, purchase flood relief kit, purchase of automated flood alert signs and explore ways to strengthen the flood warning system through tools such as flood warning gauges and CCTV cameras.'
- xv. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:  
£15,000 for hydrogel bags to protect the villages of Lavendon, Ravenstone and Stoke Goldington from flooding.
- xvi. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:  
£50,000 To renovate the play park in the Poets estate, Newport Pagnell behind Portfields School.'

xvii. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:

£40,000 for a pedestrian crossing in Haversham.’

xviii. Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) be amended as follows:

£49,500 to reintroduce some of the withdrawn 21 and 37 bus services which served our rural communities.”

Amendments totalling £2,327,500 are funded from:

1. Paper Recycling Reserve: £700,000 (amendments vi, ix, x, xi, xii, xiii and xvi).
2. Annex U: £250,000, re-allocation of reserves (previously set aside for delivery of Council Plan), therefore deleting 2 items (Economic Development recovery support £200,000 and Public Transport contingency fund £50,000) (amendment iii).
3. General Fund Reserves: £464,500 (amendments i, ii [£85,000], v, vii, viii, xv, xvii and xviii).
4. ‘Cabinet Amendments to Annex U’ redistribution: £638,000: deletion of 3 items: Energy Efficiency £250,000, Energy Crisis Fund £250,000 (amendment ix) and Additional Landscaping £138,000 (amendment xiv).
5. £275,000 from the Waste Transfer Station works budget to be used only if total value of the project does not require the total value of £3million (amendment ii).

Councillor Marland, mover of the motion, accepted amendment v moved by Councillor Rankine to the General Fund Reserve, on behalf of the Conservative Group.

The Council heard from two members of the public during consideration of this item.

The voting on the Conservative amendments was as follows:

#### **Conservative Amendment 1**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 2**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 3**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

**Conservative Amendment 4**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

**Conservative Amendment 6**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

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ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

**Conservative Amendment 7**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 8**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 9**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 10**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 11**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 12**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 13**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

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ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 14**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

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ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.



### **Conservative Amendment 15**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 16**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 17**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

### **Conservative Amendment 18**

FOR: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

The voting on the substantive motion was as follows:

For: Councillors Alexander, Baume, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Cryer-Whitehead, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Hume, Hussain, Legg, Marland, McPake, McQuillan, Middleton, Minns, Montague, B Nolan, Z Nolan, Priestley, Reilly, Townsend, Trendall, Wallis, Wilson-Marklew (30)

AGAINST: Councillors Balazs, Bowyer, De Villiers, P Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Imran, Jenkins, Lancaster, McLean, Nazir, Raja, Rankine, Rolfe, Taylor, Verma, Walker and Wardle (21)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council agrees:
  - a) That the Revenue Budget 2022/23 totalling £228.096m be approved, subject to Cabinet Investment Proposals and Amended Cabinet Investment Proposals (Annex U) being amended to include £20,000 in grants for community groups and parish councils to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.'
  - b) That the Council Tax at Band D of £1,520.55 for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax, be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council. This is an increase of 3.75%, consisting of a 1.99% general increase and 1.76% Adult Social Care Precept.
  - c) That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish Precepts) of £137.404m, be noted.
  - d) That the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as adopted by the Council on 24 February 2021, be continued for 2022/23, with amendments that reflect changes to related benefits and to the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations; retaining the delegation to the Director Finance and Resources to make technical legislative changes.
  - e) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 [the "Act"]:
    - i) £601.670m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish and town councils. (Gross expenditure including precepts)
    - ii) £454.409m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3). (Net income excluding Council Tax requirement)
    - iii) £147.261m As its Council Tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4).
    - iv) £1,629.64 As the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts), being the amount at (c)

above, divided by the Council Tax Base agreed on 2 November 2021.

- v) £9,857,495 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- vi) £1,520.55 Being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the Council Tax Base agreed on 2 November 2021, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for Milton Keynes Council, excluding Parish and Major Precepting Authorities.
- f) That the following amounts be calculated for Milton Keynes Council Tax:

**Table A – Milton Keynes Council Tax**

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MKC With 1.99% Increase	912.93	1,065.08	1,217.24	1,369.39	1,673.70	1,978.01	2,282.32	2,738.78
ASC Levy Further 1.76% Increase	100.77	117.57	134.36	151.16	184.75	218.34	251.93	302.32
<b>MKC Total 3.75%</b>	<b>1,013.70</b>	<b>1,182.65</b>	<b>1,351.60</b>	<b>1,520.55</b>	<b>1,858.45</b>	<b>2,196.35</b>	<b>2,534.25</b>	<b>3,041.10</b>

- g) That the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act.
- h) That for the year 2022/23, Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

**Table B – PCC for Thames Valley Council Tax**

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

160.85	187.66	214.47	241.28	294.90	348.52	402.13	482.56
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- i) That for the year 2022/23, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

**Table C – Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority Council Tax**

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
48.11	56.12	64.14	72.16	88.20	104.23	120.27	144.32

- j) That as a result of the above, the amounts of Council Tax (shown in Appendix A and B) be set in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in the Schedule.
- k) That the 2022/23 levies payable to the Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency be noted.
- l) That the estimated position for the Dedicated Schools Grant of £306.123m and the Schools block funding formula for 2022/23 be noted and the budget and formula allocation for the High Needs and Early Years blocks, be approved.
- m) That the forecast parking surplus be noted.
- n) That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget 2022/23 be recommended to Council for adoption.
- o) That the Housing Revenue Account Dwelling Rent 2022/23, an increase of 4.1%, an average of £3.55 per week, be recommended to Council.
- p) That the Rent and Service Charge Policy for 2022/23 be approved.
- q) That the fees and charges for 2022/23 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.
- r) That the Capital Strategy be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.

- s) That the Capital Programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26 be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.
  - t) That the resource allocation for the 2022/23 Tariff programme be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.
  - u) That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 to 2026/27 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Borrowing Limits be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.
  - v) That the financial forecast set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), in relation to both resources and expenditure, be noted.
  - w) That the One Off Investment Proposals be approved.
  - x) That the equalities impact assessments for the Revenue Budget 2022/23, be noted.
2. That in Annex U the reference to 'Brooklands Pavilion' be amended to read 'Broughton Ward'.
  3. That the following additions to Annex U (Cabinet Investment Proposals) be agreed:
    - a) Energy crisis fund - £250,000. Funding will be provided to help those in extreme fuel poverty to ensure people do not fall into debt that may impact council services e.g homelessness
    - b) Energy efficiency measures- £250,000. Funding to assist those in fixed incomes reduce energy use and reduce fuel bills through provision of energy efficiency measure such as insulation.
    - c) Additional pothole repairs - £100,000. Further additional funding to boost pothole to over 10,000 additional repairs.
    - d) Bletchley regeneration footpath repairs - £125,000. Funding for footpath resurfacing across Bletchley as part of the commitment to regeneration and enhancing town deal improvements.
    - e) Older town footpath repairs - £125,000. Funding for footpath resurfacing in older towns Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Wolverton and New Bradwell.

- f) Renewal estate footpath repairs - £100,000. Funding for footpath resurfacing across renewal estates to enhance renewal programme.
- g) Older New Town estates footpath repairs - £100,000. Funding for older new town estate footpath resurfacing (e.g. Hodge Lea, Springfield, Downs Barn).
- h) Mental Health support - £75,000 additional funding for mental health support for young people to meet additional demand due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- i) Blue Lagoon improvements - £30,000. Improvements to Blue Lagoon in Bletchley as part of regeneration and assist in production of prospectus to attract external funding.
- j) Disability public realm improvements - £50k. Funding for adaptations such as dropped kerbs for disabled access.
- k) Dementia friendly public realm improvements - £25,000. Funding for improvements to the public realm as part of becoming a Dementia Friendly city e.g signage.
- l) Additional street sign funding - £25,000.
- m) Road adoptions funding - £25,000. Funding to enhance the work taking place to adopt roads in new developments more quickly.
- n) Additional landscaping - £138,000.
- o) Additional Summer of Play - £100,000.
- p) New Town Heritage Register - £20,000. Funding to ensure the production and maintenance of the New Town Heritage Register.

**CL124**

**COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Question from Councillor McPake to Councillor Wilson-Marklew (Cabinet member for Climate and Sustainability)

Councillor McPake, referring to the Environment Bill for England not being strong enough to improve the water quality of rivers, asked Councillor Wilson-Marklew, what does Milton Keynes Council plan to do to reduce the main causes of pollution in our local waterways?

Councillor Wilson-Marklew indicated that she thought the best course of action would be to meet with Anglian Water to discuss the issue and find a way forward.

As a supplementary question, Councillor McPake asked Councillor Wilson-Marklew, that the Council would also need to write to farmers to get them to consider plans to reduce fertiliser and pesticide use and to ask highways officers to investigate where the main areas of run off were from our grid roads?

Councillor Wilson-Marklew noted the additional comments from Councillor McPake.

- (b) Question from Councillor Hume to Councillor Carr (Cabinet member for Tackling Inequalities and Child Poverty)

Councillor Hume, referring to the fact that it was LGBTQ+ History Month, asked Councillor Carr, what was this Council doing to champion a place where people can be fully included and were able to fully be themselves?

Councillor Carr indicated that it was a very poignant question given the focus of this history month and that the Council should be actively celebrating and engaging with all of the community. She undertook to provide Councillor Hume with a written response as to the activities the Council was undertaking in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Hume asked Councillor Carr, whether she believed that elected politicians should be leading by example with the language they chose to use about the LGBTQ+ community?

Councillor Carr indicated that yes the language used by politicians was critical as we were seen as role models for the community.

- (c) Question from Councillor Marland to Councillor Walker (Leader of the Conservative Group)

Councillor Marland, referring to the amendment to the budget proposed by the Conservative Group for funding to develop a memorial to Alan Turing, asked Councillor Walker, would he write with other Group Leaders to the Town Deal Board to ask them to properly scope a memorial and statute to commemorate Alan Turing.



Councillor Walker indicated that he would speak with Councillor Rankine, the proposer of that project and would of course join with group leaders to write and ask the Town Deal Board to take that action.

**CL125**

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Mayor moved the following recommendations which were seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

- “1. That the final recommendations be agreed.  
2. That the reorganisation order based on the final recommendations in accordance with Section 86 LG&PHIA 2007 be agreed.”

On being put to the vote the recommendations were declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the final recommendations be agreed.
2. That the reorganisation order based on the final recommendations in accordance with Section 86 LG&PHIA 2007 be agreed.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:41 PM

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