

NOTES OF MEETING

CROSS BOUNDARY MEMBERS' REFERENCE GROUP
Tuesday 13 October 2009 at 12.00am
ROOM 304/5, HCA OFFICES, CBX II, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

Attendance:**Members**

Cllr Mike Galloway	MKC (Chair)
Andrew Peck	MKPC
Malcolm Brighton	MKPC
Cllr Carole Paternoster	AVDC
Cllr David Rowlands	Bucks CC
Cllr Fiona Chapman	CBC

Presentations

Marie Denny	MKC
Julie Brasier	MKC
Keith Armstead	CBC
Stephen Chainani	Bucks CC

Officers

Ian Haynes	MKC
Stuart Sage	MKP
Cheryl Montgomery	MKP
Sue Frost	CBC
Andy Barton	AVDC
Rachel Jones	Bucks CC
Marcus Rogers	AVA
Bruce Stewart	MKC
Diane Webber	MKC
Patrick O'Sullivan (part)	MKP

Regional organisations

Neil McKillen	Go East
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Item**Action****1 Welcome / Introductions / Apologies****Apologies**

Cllr Ken Matthews – CBC	Hilary Chipping – MKSM
Cllr Martin Tett – Bucks CC	Clare Manders – AVDC
Chris Kenneford – Bucks CC	Richard Fox – CBC
Sheila Keene – MKP	Simon Andrews – CBC
John Lewis – MKP	Tim Earthy - CBC

2 Joint presentation on cross boundary primary and secondary education requirements from Julie Brasier (MKC), Marie Denny (MKC), Stephen Chainani (Bucks CC) and Keith Armstead (CBC).

A copy of the presentation is available on request from MKC.

Key headlines from the presentation were:

- Legal, commissioning, pupil movement, strategic planning and SDA context of joint working
- Planning school places in Bucks, Central Beds and Milton Keynes respectively
- Joint working challenges in school provision
- Response to joint working challenges in school provision

Questions and Discussion

Cheryl Montgomery: What are the comparative % yields?

Central Beds: 4%; Bucks CC: 4½%; MKC: 5%

Marcus Rogers: For Salden Chase there are few differences between the Bucks CC and MKC requirements. A Secondary School will be required for Salden Chase. Co-location of facilities is being actively pursued.

Andy Barton: What is the MKC definition of “completion”? (For Salden Chase, development is expected to start in 2016, practical completion is expected by 2030 and life-span until 2050+.)

Completion in MKC context is physical completion and ready for occupation.

Keith Armstead: The numbers of children in primary schools in CBC is starting to rise. There is thus the need to be aware of the impacts of demographic change and housing growth in future school planning.

Andrew Peck: It is refreshing to see that all 3 authorities were starting to work together and he encourages similar further joint working initiatives.

Mike Galloway: The community is not interested in administrative boundaries; how will joint working/joint provision be practically provided? *Various options exist; the preference being one school provider: in the SW SDA – Bucks CC and in the SE SDA MKC or CBC, but not “split” school provision. Political support for one LA to provide school places in the SE SDA will be required.*

A good example is the Wixhams development where Bedford and Central Bedfordshire are working together in joint education provision.

Ian Haynes: What are the timescales, deliverability and future-proofing of education provision in the SDA's – site sizes and/or reserve sites – as required in Core Strategies?

Not easy to achieve. Subject to negotiation with developers and inclusion in development brief and Section 106/ tariff agreements. Reserve sites are a preferable means of future-proofing because of the difficulties of securing additional sites retrospectively.

Ian Haynes: How are the different funding regimes and changed circumstances and flexibility dealt with?

MKC and CBC are able to apply for basic need funding as well as securing developer contributions via Section 106/tariff agreements. Floor authorities, such as Bucks CC, rely on the developer to provide all education requirements as part of the development.

Flexibility has been introduced into the Brooklands development regarding community use of school facilities, which could be used as a good example for future joint working.

Mike Galloway thanked all officers involved in the presentation.

Noted. No further action.

3 Minutes from 9 July 2009 and matters arising

Minutes noted and agreed.
No matters arising from the minutes.

4 Development Plans Update Schedule

Noted.

5 Update on East West Rail: Notes of meeting with Minister for Transport

Patrick O'Sullivan gave a brief report-back on the very positive meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport, in which he offered his support for East West Rail.

A further follow-up meeting with the Department for Transport and Network Rail is scheduled for 15 October 2009.

The next important phase of the project will be to secure additional funding for East West Rail, particularly from national, regional and local authorities. *Discussion focussed on general support for East West Rail, possible new (and untapped existing) funding sources, the need to include MKSM at a sub-regional level and the possibility of setting up a more focussed "local" sub-group to promote East West Rail.*

Noted. No further action.

6 Any Other Business

6.1

Is there a need for a Member Reference Group for the SDA's

Carole Paternoster introduced the background to the need for a SDA Member Reference Group to complement the SDA Officer Groups?

David Rowlands: Support for the principle, but membership will have to be carefully considered, especially Parish Council membership. *The North Bucks Parish Councils, for example, limit member representation to other organisations.*

Marcus Rogers: A joint working Member meeting regarding the SW SDA is to take place on 28 October. It may be better to wait until after that meeting to make a decision.

Rachel Jones: The SW SDA is further advanced than the SE SDA, so it may be appropriate to adopt different approaches to Member SDA representation.

Due to the uncertainty of the development potential of the SE SDA, it is probably too early to set-up a SE SDA Member Sub-Group.

It was noted that the Danesborough Forum, a Member and Parish group, is already in place in the SE SDA, and may be an ideal body to represent Members on the SE SDA Member Sub-Group.

Marcus Rogers: For clarity, in future the SW SDA will be known as Salden Chase.

Noted. Await feedback following 28 October SW SDA Member meeting. **MKC**

6.2

Extend membership of the Member Reference Group to include cross-party membership

Mike Galloway introduced a proposal from MKC, following a Labour Group MKC Council motion, to broaden membership of the Member Reference Group to include cross-party membership. This MKC proposal was tabled, notwithstanding the decision taken by the Member Reference Group at its March meeting.

Carole Paternoster: If MKC membership increases, consequential increase of all other authorities membership.

To be considered at the next Member Reference Group meeting to be held on 8 December. **ALL**

7 **Future agenda items**

- A “transport” presentation will be the topic at the next meeting. CBOG members to clarify the level of detail for the presentation and who will be involved. **MKC**
- There will be no Bucks CC “health” presentation in February 2010 as the earlier MK PCT/MK Hospital presentation included Bucks CC.
- Consideration needs to be given to presentations at future meetings in the New Year. **ALL**
- Any and all suggestions will be welcomed.

8 **Dates of forthcoming meetings:** **ALL**

- 8 December 2009 – **Chair: Bucks County Council** **Bucks CC**
- 18 February 2010
- 13 April 2009
- 19 August 2010

All meetings are at MKP in Room 304/5. **ALL**
Meetings start at 12.00 noon until 2.00 pm. .
A finger/sandwich lunch will be provided.