

# Landscape Maintenance Task & Finish Group

27 OCTOBER 2015

6.30 PM

CONSERVATORY, CIVIC OFFICES  
CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

## AGENDA

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**Membership: Councillors Brackenbury, P Geary (Chair), Geaney, Lewis, McPake and Webb**

**Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Elizabeth Richardson**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair to welcome councillors, officers and the public to the meeting and introduce councillors and officers who are present.

### **2. Apologies**

### **3. Disclosures of Interest**

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To receive and note the Minutes of the meeting of the Landscaping Task and Finish Group held on 29 September 2015 (Item 4) (**pages 5 to 10**).

### **5. Landscape Maintenance and Milton Keynes Council – a Precis**

Due to the large number of green and open spaces in Milton Keynes, landscape maintenance is a complex operation involving the Council's own staff, external contractors and other organisations such as The Parks Trust.

Following the presentation at the previous meeting, please find attached a precis of how the Council manages local landscape maintenance. This is based on the information provided to the public on the Council's website – Item 5 (**pages 11 to 13**)

### **6. Landscape Maintenance at the Parks Trust**

Created in 1992, The Parks Trust is an independent charity that cares for many of parks and green spaces in Milton Keynes amounting to approximately 5,000 acres of river valleys, woodlands, lakesides, parks and landscaped areas alongside the grid roads – about 25% of the new city area.

The TFG will receive and discuss an explanation from Rob Riekie, Landscape and Operations Director at The Parks Trust, on how the Trust manages the landscape areas and green spaces for which they are responsible.

### **7. Plan for Future Meetings**

To note the arrangements for future meetings as follows:

- 10 November 2015 @ 6.30 pm in Room 4:  
(Complaints Procedure  
(Value for Money)
- 17 November 2015 @ 6.30 pm in the Conservatory:  
(Parishes and Landscaping)
- 24 or 26 November and 1, 9 or 22 December have been identified as possible dates for subsequent meetings

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**Meeting Attended:**

**Date of Meeting:**        **27 October 2015**

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