



Minutes of the meeting of the MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2007 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor Carstens (Mayor)
Councillor Barry (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors Box, Brock, Burke, Butler-Ellis, Campbell, Carruthers, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Dransfield, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Edwards, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Geary, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, Holroyd, Hopkins, Hoyle, Irons, Jury, Latham, Legg, Lloyd, Long, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, Miles, Morris, Morsley, Pendry, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, Tunney, Wharton, Williams and Wilson

Aldermen Connor and Howell were also present

Apologies: Councillors Bristow, Coventry and Mabbott and Alderman Ellis

Also Present: 18 members of the public

CL124 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

CL125 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that this would be Isabell Procter's (the Council's Head of Finance) last Council Meeting before leaving the Council to take up a post at Northampton Borough Council.

The Council thanked Mrs Procter for her immense contribution to this Council, and wished her well for the future.

CL126 PROCEDURAL MOTION – MOVING OF AMENDMENTS

Councillor Geary moved the following Procedural Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Long:

“That Council Procedure Rules 13.6(a) and 13.9(b), as far as they relate to reports from Cabinet, be waived to allow an amendment to be moved relating to the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme (LABGI).”

On being put to the vote the Procedural Motion was declared carried with 23 Members voting in favour, 22 Members voting against and 0 Members abstaining from voting.

RESOLVED -

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CL127 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question from Mr Peter Geary to Councillor Williams (Cabinet Member for Transport and Planning):

“Have you, since taking up the Cabinet position of Transport and Planning, ever requested MK Metro, or any other suppliers of transport services to this Council, to use biofuels to power their fleet?”

Answer from Councillor Williams:

“Yes.”

Mr Geary asked a supplementary question which was answered by Councillor Williams.

CL128 REPORTS FROM CABINET AND COMMITTEES

(a) Cabinet -16 January 2007

Prudential Indicators for Capital Finance 2006/07 to 2008/09 - Monitoring to 30 November 2006

Councillor Crooks moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 January 2007, which was seconded by Councillor I McCall:

“1. That the following revised prudential indicator for Capital Expenditure estimates be approved:

Capital Expenditure at 31 October 2006*			
	2006/07 Latest Estimate £000	2007/08 Latest Estimate £000	2008/09 Latest Estimate £000
General Fund	93,428	92,510	60,632
HRA	14,269	12,319	12,329
Total	107,697	104,829	72,961

* Latest approved estimates

2. That the following revised prudential indicator for Capital Financing Requirement estimates be approved:

Capital Financing Requirement forecasts at 30 November 2006 (based on capital expenditure forecasts at 31 October 2006)				
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HRA	76,520	77,774	78,523	79,271
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On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried by acclamation.

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(b) Cabinet - 20 February 2007

(i) Council Wide Revenue Budget 2007/08 to 2010/11

Councillor I McCall moved the following recommendation, from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 February 2007 which was seconded by Councillor Crooks:

- “1. That the changes proposed to the consultation budget, in the light of the consultation and the final formula grant settlement, be agreed.
2. That £1m be set aside from reserves as a restructuring fund for the workforce efficiency project.
3. That the Council's four-year financial strategy be approved and the implications of the 2007/08 budget in the draft budgets for 2008/09 – 2010/11 be acknowledged.
4. That a General Fund budget for 2007/08 of £152.947m (an increase of 5.32%, or £7.732m over the 2006/07 budget), be agreed, and that, subject to final pupil numbers, the final detail of the expenditure within the Schools and LEA budgets be agreed by the Group Director School Improvement and Planning and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) having regard to the dedicated schools grant.
5. That the reserves strategy of protecting balances wherever possible to allow the option of supporting future years' budgets, aiming for a minimum level of unallocated general fund reserves of £7.5m at the end of 2007/08 having regard to the outcome of the financial risk assessment be confirmed.
6. That £600,000 of the projected 2006/07 Revenue Budget underspending be set aside as a reserve for the purposes of meeting the unpredicted costs of pressures in Children's Services during 2007/08 after taking into account the £1.4m additional funding on top of demography and inflation.
7. That the Council Tax be increased by 3.6% for 2007/08, for the Council's own purposes, thus excluding police, fire and parish precepts.
8. That the anticipated income and projected spending of the surplus of the 2007/08 Parking Account be taken account of in the budget, subject to those limitations and choices set out in the provisions of section 55 of the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984 and subject to the final position for the spending of the projected surplus from the 2007/08 Parking Account being finally determined at a review at the close of the financial year.

9. That the Fees and Charges be approved.”

The Council received reports from the Chairs of the Policy Development Committees, which had considered the draft Revenue Budget.

Councillor Wilson moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Legg and on which a recorded vote was requested on each individual clause:

- “1. That all the words after ‘reserves’ be deleted from recommendation 2 and the following words added: ‘to commence the preparatory work to establish a programme to regenerate the original estates and older towns including estates such as Netherfield, Bradville, Greenleys, Stacey Bushes, Hodge Lea, Stantonbury, Beanhill, Coffee Hall, Tinkers Bridge, Fishermead, Conniburrow, and the Lakes and that the draft programme be published for consultation by September 2007”.
- “2. That all the words after ‘strategy’ be deleted from recommendation 3 and the following words added: ‘would be greatly improved by the Council recognising that some Parish Councils are disadvantaged as a consequence of having low housing valuations. The Council understands that it is unfair and regressive for poorer areas to have higher Council Taxes simply because of low valuations. The Council therefore agrees to rectify this by asking the Cabinet to produce proposals to ensure that those Parishes that have below average Council Tax Bases are provided with grants to ensure that their areas are not penalised.

That the Council notes that it is too late for implementation in 2007/08, as all the Parish Councils have already set their precept, and therefore agrees to ask the Cabinet to produce proposals in time for the 2008/09 financial year.”

- “3. That the following words be added to recommendation 4 ‘and agrees that all details of the proposed £2 million of workforce savings will be discussed with the Group Leaders before

they are implemented by the Cabinet, Cabinet members or Chief Officers.”

“4. That all the words after ‘That’ be deleted from recommendation 6 and the following words added: ‘the Children’s Services External Placements Budget should be set at the level identified by officers to the Learning and Development Policy Development Committee on the 18 January 2007 for the year 2007/08 and in addition to setting a base budget of £8.79 million for this budget area the Council supports the Cabinet proposal to establish a reserve of £600,000.”

“5. That the following additional clauses be added: ‘That with the welcome growth of Bletchley as a major retail centre arising from the Stadium development and the secondary impact of IKEA/ASDA this Council agrees that on receipt of any LABGI money at least £1 million of this should be allocated to ensuring that the entry into Bletchley from Milton Keynes South is not congested or dangerous.

That the Council notes that the case to commence work on the B&Q roundabout is very strong and accepts that such work will be resourced from both capital and revenue monies and will be funded over at least two financial years.”

“6. That the following additional clause be added: ‘That this Council notes the importance of safe roads and pavements and believes that the following £1.150 million package of improvements funded from Reserves earmarked for 2008/09 should be used in 2007/08 to fund:

(a) £900,000 on road improvements in original Milton Keynes Development Corporation estates and older areas; and

(b) £250,000 on improving pavements in original Milton Keynes Development Corporation estates and older areas.”

“7. That the following additional clause be added: ‘That this Council notes the importance of enhancing Community Safety and believes that the following £300,000 package of improvements funded from reserves earmarked for 2008/09 should be used in 2007/08 to fund:

- (a) 9 additional Police Community Support Officers; and
 - (b) Increased CCTV in high crime areas.”
- “8. That the following additional clause be added:
‘That the Council agrees the following three areas to be funded from reserves earmarked for 2008/09:
- (a) £25,000 for the MK Council of Faiths;
 - (b) £16,000 for MK Arts Education Forum funding; and
 - (c) £9,000 for a part time Children’s Library services Officer at Bletchley.”

The voting on Clause 1 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Campbell, Edwards, Holroyd, Irons, Legg, Lloyd, Long, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Pendry and Wilson (12)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Box, Brock, Burke, Butler-Ellis, Carruthers, Carstens, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Dransfield, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Geary, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, D McCall, I McCall, Morris, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, Tunney, Wharton and Williams (36)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Clause 1 of the amendment was declared lost.

The voting on Clause 2 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Campbell, Edwards, Holroyd, Irons, Legg, Lloyd, Long, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Pendry and Wilson (12)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Box, Brock, Burke, Butler-Ellis, Carruthers, Carstens, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Dransfield, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Geary, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, D McCall, I McCall, Morris, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, Tunney, Wharton and Williams (36)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Clause 2 of the amendment was declared lost.

The voting on Clause 3 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Box, Brock, Butler-Ellis, Campbell, Carstens, Dransfield, Edwards, Geary, Holroyd, Hopkins, Hoyle, Irons, Jury, Latham, Legg, Lloyd, Long, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Morris, Pendry, Tunney, Wharton and Wilson (25)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Burke, Carruthers, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, D McCall, I McCall, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, and Williams (23)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Clause 3 of the amendment was declared carried.

The voting on Clause 4 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Campbell, Edwards, Holroyd, Irons, Legg, Lloyd, Long, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Pendry and Wilson (12)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Burke, Carruthers, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, D McCall, I McCall, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa and Williams (23)

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors Box, Brock, Butler-Ellis, Carstens, Dransfield, Geary, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, Morris, Tunney, Wharton (13)

Clause 4 of the amendment was declared lost.

The voting on Clause 5 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Campbell, Edwards, Holroyd, Irons, Legg, Lloyd, Long, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Pendry and Wilson (12)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Box, Brock, Burke, Butler-Ellis, Carruthers, Carstens, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Dransfield, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Geary, Gerrella, E Henderson,

I Henderson, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, D McCall, I McCall, Morris, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, Tunney, Wharton and Williams (36)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Clause 5 of the amendment was declared lost.

The voting on Clause 6 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Campbell, Edwards, Holroyd, Irons, Legg, Lloyd, Long, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Pendry and Wilson (12)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Box, Brock, Burke, Butler-Ellis, Carruthers, Carstens, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Dransfield, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Geary, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, D McCall, I McCall, Morris, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, Tunney, Wharton and Williams (36)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Clause 6 of the amendment was declared lost.

The voting on Clause 7 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Campbell, Edwards, Holroyd, Irons, Legg, Lloyd, Long, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Pendry and Wilson (12)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Box, Brock, Burke, Butler-Ellis, Carruthers, Carstens, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Dransfield, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Geary, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, D McCall, I McCall, Morris, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, Tunney, Wharton and Williams (36)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Clause 7 of the amendment was declared lost.

The voting on Clause 8 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Campbell, Edwards, Holroyd, Irons, Legg, Lloyd, Long, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Pendry and Wilson (12)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Box, Brock, Burke, Butler-Ellis, Carruthers, Carstens, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Dransfield, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Geary, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, D McCall, I McCall, Morris, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, Tunney, Wharton and Williams (36)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Clause 8 of the amendment was declared lost.

Councillor Crooks moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor E Henderson:

“That following any announcement of LABGI money being awarded to the Council, that the Cabinet brings forward, for Council approval, proposals as to how it should be allocated.”

The amendment was declared lost with 23 Members voting in favour, 24 Members voting against and 1 Member abstaining from voting.

Councillor Dransfield moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Geary, with Clause 1 being accepted by Councillor Wilson as the ‘owner’ of the substantive motion and a recorded vote being requested on Clause 2:

“1. That the following words be added to recommendation 7 ‘and that this Council recognises the short-term pressure on the Looked After Children’s budget and agrees that:

(a) 50% of the recently announced LABGI money be allocated to it; and

(b) the Chief Executive’s budget be charged with finding £100K saving out of Corporate Restructuring;

with the additional revenues being held in a Contingent Budget to be called down, if required, to support the Looked After Children’s budget;

(c) that the remaining 50% of the recently announced LABGI money be allocated to ensure that the entry into Bletchley from Milton Keynes South is not congested or dangerous.”

“2. That the following additional clause be added:

“That this Council:

1. expresses regret that, despite 5 years of holding the executive in Milton Keynes and thus the authorisation to set the budget, this Administration has failed to get to grips with the roots of spiralling cost increases of the running of this authority;
2. agrees that, in order to rectify this situation, it is now time to conduct a wholesale review of council services in a council wide assessment of efficiency of operations, in order to ascertain potential costs savings;
3. agrees that in the year 2007/08 that a firm of consultants be appointed to undertake such a review, with the costs of such a review being met from reserves, to be replaced in following years by savings made; and
4. agrees that the findings of such a review be fully discussed and debated at scrutiny / policy development committee level, at the Cabinet, and finally by this Council before decisions are made to be implemented in the budget year 2008/09 and onwards.”

The voting on Clause 2 of the amendment was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Box, Brock, Butler-Ellis, Carstens, Dransfield, Geary, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, Morris, Tunney and Wharton (13)

AGAINST: Councillors Barry, Burke, Campbell, Carruthers, Sandra Clark, Stephen Clark, Crooks, Drewett, Eastman, Eaton, Edwards, Exon, Ferrans, Fraser, Gerrella, E Henderson, I Henderson, Holroyd, Irons, Legg, Lloyd, Long, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, Miles, Morsley, Pendry, Pugh, Seymour, Snell, Tallack, Tamagnini-Barbosa, Williams and Wilson (35)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

The amendment was declared lost.

On being put to the vote **the substantive motion was declared carried unanimously.**

RESOLVED -

1. That the changes proposed to the consultation budget, in the light of the consultation and the

final formula grant settlement, be agreed.

2. That £1m be set aside from reserves as a restructuring fund for the workforce efficiency project.
3. That the Council's four-year financial strategy be approved and the implications of the 2007/08 budget in the draft budgets for 2008/09 – 2010/11 be acknowledged.
4. That a General Fund budget for 2007/08 of £152.947m (an increase of 5.32%, or £7.732m over the 2006/07 budget), be agreed, and that, subject to final pupil numbers, the final detail of the expenditure within the Schools and LEA budgets be agreed by the Group Director School Improvement and Planning and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) having regard to the dedicated schools grant, and that all details of the proposed £2 million of workforce savings will be discussed with the Group Leaders before they are implemented by the Cabinet, Cabinet Members or Chief Officers.
5. That the reserves strategy of protecting balances wherever possible to allow the option of supporting future years' budgets, aiming for a minimum level of unallocated general fund reserves of £7.5m at the end of 2007/08 having regard to the outcome of the financial risk assessment, be confirmed.
6. That £600,000 of the projected 2006/07 Revenue Budget underspending be set aside as a reserve for the purposes of meeting the unpredicted costs of pressures in Children's Services during 2007/08 after taking into account the £1.4m additional funding on top of demography and inflation.
7. That the Council Tax be increased by 3.6% for 2007/08, for the Council's own purposes, thus excluding police, fire and parish precepts; and that this Council recognises the short-term pressure on the Looked After Children's budget and agrees that:
 - (a) 50% of the recently announced LABGI money be allocated to it; and
 - (b) the Chief Executive's budget be charged with finding £100K saving out of Corporate Restructuring;

with the additional revenues being held in a Contingent Budget to be called down, if required, to support the Looked After Children's budget; and

(c) that the remaining 50% of the recently announced LABGI money be allocated to ensure that the entry into Bletchley from Milton Keynes South is not congested or dangerous.

8. That the anticipated income and projected spending of the surplus of the 2007/08 Parking Account be taken account of in the budget, subject to those limitations and choices set out in the provisions of section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and subject to the final position for the spending of the projected surplus from the 2007/08 Parking Account being finally determined at a review at the close of the financial year.

9. That the Fees and Charges be approved.

CL129 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor brought forward Item 6 (Council Tax 2007/08) to this point in the meeting.

CL130 COUNCIL TAX 2007/08

Councillor I McCall moved the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Crooks:

"1. That the final effect on the budget requirement for 2007/08 (excluding Parish, Town Council and Parish Meeting precepts), including the various levies be noted.

2. That the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (hereinafter referred to as "the Council" in this resolution) resolves for the financial year 2007/2008 to:

(a) Set the General Fund Budget Requirement for the Council at £157,069,506 calculated as follows:

		£
(i)	Net Expenditure on Council Services	152,947,083
(ii)	Town and Parish Councils / Meetings Precepts	4,122,423
(iii)	Total General Fund Budget Requirement	157,069,506

(b) Note that, arising from the decision of the Council at

this meeting and decisions taken by Town and Parish Councils / Meetings by 27 February 2007, the amount of Special Items included in the Budget Requirement set out at (a) above is £4,122,423 calculated as follows:

		£
(i)	Council Special Expenses	0
(ii)	Town and Parish Councils / Meetings	4,122,423
(iii)	Total Special Items	4,122,423

and to note that, with the exception of precepts from Town and Parish Councils/ Meetings, there are no further items determined as Special Items under Section 34 and 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(c) Note that (in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - "the Act") the Council has calculated the following amounts:

- (i) 78,101.55 being the Council Tax Base (in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities [Calculation of Council Tax Base] Regulations 1992).
- (ii) The sums shown in **Annex A** Column (2): being the amounts of Council Tax Base for dwellings in those parts of the area set out in Column (1) of **Annex A** to which one or more special items relate.

(d) Set the following amounts in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

	Description	£	Notes
(i)	Gross Expenditure	541,077,984	Gross expenditure including Parish precepts in accordance with S32(2) (a)-(e) of the Act
(ii)	Gross Income	-384,008,478	Gross income including the use of reserves in accordance with S32(3) (a)-(c) of the Act

(iii)	Budget Requirement		157,069,506	The budget requirement in accordance with S32(4) of the Act
(iv)	(1)	Redistributed Non Domestic Rates	-63,045,801	From the finance settlement
	(2)	Revenue Support Grant	-10,580,386	From the finance settlement
	(3)	Transfer from Collection Fund	84,949	Collection Fund deficit in accordance with S97 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and Regulations made under S98 of the 1988 Act
	(4)	Total of (iv)(1) to (3) inclusive	-73,541,238	Formula grant, special grants and Collection Fund deficit
(v)	Amount of be raised from Council Taxes		83,528,268	Item (iii) + (iv)(4)
(vi)	Basic Amount of Council Tax		1,069.48	Item (v) divided by tax base (resolution c(i) - this represents the weighted average Council Tax at Band D, including Parish precepts but excluding Fire and Police) in accordance with S33(1) of the Act
(vii)	Total of Special Items		4,122,423	This represents the total of Parish precepts in accordance with S34(1) of the Act
(viii)	Basic Amount of Council Tax for dwellings in parts of the area to which no special items relate		1,016.70	Item (v) - (vii) divided by tax base (resolution c(1)) in accordance with S34(2) of the Act
(ix)	Basic Amount of Sums in			Item (viii) plus

	Council Tax for dwellings in parts of the area to which one or more special items relate	column (5) of Annex A	column 4 of Annex A (excludes Police Authority) - this represents the Band D Council Tax by Parish, including Parish precepts but excluding Fire and Police, in accordance with S34(3) of the Act
(x)	Basic Amount of Council Tax as in (viii) for each Council Tax Band	Sums shown in Annex B	This represents the Council Tax by Parish and by each valuation band, including Parish precepts but excluding Fire and Police, in accordance with S36(1) and S5(1) of the Act

- (e) Note that the Thames Valley Police Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council for 2007/08:

Band	Amount £
A	92.79
B	108.26
C	123.72
D	139.19
E	170.12
F	201.05
G	231.98
H	278.38

- (f) Note that the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council for 2007/08:

Band	Amount £
A	34.89
B	40.70
C	46.52
D	52.33
E	63.96
F	75.59
G	87.22
H	104.66

- (g) Set, as a result of items 4, 5, and 6 above, the amounts of Council Tax shown in **Annex C**, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in **Annex C**.
3. That the statement by the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer under section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 on the robustness of estimates and the adequacy of reserves be acknowledged.
 4. That the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer be authorised, in consultation with the relevant Corporate Director, to make any technical presentational changes to the final published budget as deemed necessary to meet external reporting obligations.
 5. That the details of the Prudential Indicators, required under the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, are set as shown in the Annex to the Prudential Indicators report, with the revision attached at Annex E of the report, to reflect the amended revenue budget requirement, as part of setting the budget for 2007/08 to 2010/11.

On being put to the vote **the motion was declared carried** with 46 Members voting in favour, 0 Members voting against and 1 Member abstaining from voting.

RESOLVED -

1. That the final effect on the budget requirement for 2007/08 (excluding Parish, Town Council and Parish Meeting precepts), including the various levies be noted.
2. That the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (hereinafter referred to as "the Council" in this resolution) resolves for the

financial year 2007/2008 to:

- (a) Set the General Fund Budget Requirement for the Council at £157,069,506 calculated as follows:

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(i)	Net Expenditure on Council Services	152,947,083
(ii)	Town and Parish Councils / Meetings Precepts	4,122,423
(iii)	Total General Fund Budget Requirement	157,069,506

- (b) Note that, arising from the decision of the Council at this meeting and decisions taken by Town and Parish Councils / Meetings by 27 February 2007, the amount of Special Items included in the Budget Requirement set out at (a) above is £4,122,423 calculated as follows:

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(i)	Council Special Expenses	0
(ii)	Town and Parish Councils / Meetings	4,122,423
(iii)	Total Special Items	4,122,423

and to note that, with the exception of precepts from Town and Parish Councils/ Meetings, there are no further items determined as Special Items under Section 34 and 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

- (c) Note that (in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - "the Act") the Council has calculated the following amounts:
- (i) 78,101.55 being the Council Tax Base (in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities [Calculation of Council Tax Base] Regulations 1992).
 - (ii) The sums shown in **Annex A** Column (2): being the amounts of Council Tax Base for dwellings in those parts of the area set out in Column (1) of **Annex A** to which one or more special items relate.
- (d) Set the following amounts in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

	Description		£	Notes
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(ii)	Gross Income		-384,008,478	Gross income including the use of reserves in accordance with S32(3) (a)-(c) of the Act
(iii)	Budget Requirement		157,069,506	The budget requirement in accordance with S32(4) of the Act
(iv)	(1)	Redistributed Non Domestic Rates	-63,045,801	From the finance settlement
	(2)	Revenue Support Grant	-10,580,386	From the finance settlement
	(3)	Transfer from Collection Fund	84,949	Collection Fund deficit in accordance with S97 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and Regulations made under S98 of the 1988 Act
	(4)	Total of (iv)(1) to (3) inclusive	-73,541,238	Formula grant, special grants and Collection Fund deficit
(v)	Amount of be raised from Council Taxes		83,528,268	Item (iii) + (iv)(4)
(vi)	Basic Amount of Council Tax		1,069.48	Item (v) divided by tax base (resolution c(i) - this represents the weighted average Council Tax at Band D, including Parish precepts but excluding Fire and

			Police) in accordance with S33(1) of the Act
(vii)	Total of Special Items	4,122,423	This represents the total of Parish precepts in accordance with S34(1) of the Act
(viii)	Basic Amount of Council Tax for dwellings in parts of the area to which no special items relate	1,016.70	Item (v) - (vii) divided by tax base (resolution c(1)) in accordance with S34(2) of the Act
(ix)	Basic Amount of Council Tax for dwellings in parts of the area to which one or more special items relate	Sums in column (5) of Annex A	Item (viii) plus column 4 of Annex A (excludes Police Authority) - this represents the Band D Council Tax by Parish, including Parish precepts but excluding Fire and Police, in accordance with S34(3) of the Act
(x)	Basic Amount of Council Tax as in (viii) for each Council Tax Band	Sums shown in Annex B	This represents the Council Tax by Parish and by each valuation band, including Parish precepts but excluding Fire and Police, in accordance with S36(1) and S5(1) of the Act

(e) Note that the Thames Valley Police Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council for 2007/08:

Band	Amount £
A	92.79
B	108.26
C	123.72
D	139.19
E	170.12
F	201.05
G	231.98
H	278.38

- (f) Note that the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council for 2007/08:

Band	Amount £
A	34.89
B	40.70
C	46.52
D	52.33
E	63.96
F	75.59
G	87.22
H	104.66

- (g) Set, as a result of items 4, 5, and 6 above, the amounts of Council Tax shown in **Annex C**, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in **Annex C**.

3. That the statement by the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer under section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 on the robustness of estimates and the adequacy of reserves be acknowledged.
4. That the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer be authorised, in consultation with the relevant Corporate Director, to make any technical presentational changes to the final published budget as deemed necessary to meet external reporting obligations.
5. That the details of the Prudential Indicators, required under the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, are set as shown in the Annex to the Prudential Indicators report, with the revision attached at Annex E of the report, to reflect the amended revenue budget requirement, as part of setting the budget for 2007/08 to 2010/11.

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REPORTS FROM CABINET AND COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

(b) Cabinet - 20 February 2007

(ii) Capital Programme 2007/08 to 2011/12

Councillor Crooks moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 February 2007, which was seconded by Councillor I McCall:

- “1. The Capital Programme for 2007-08, amounting to £128.094m, be approved.
2. That the financing of the Capital Programme for 2007-08 be approved.
3. That the capital reserve be set at £3.45m during 2007-08, to be administered for the prudent management of the authority’s financial position.
4. That the Cabinet be authorised, once the programme has been set, to approve new capital schemes, and variations to existing schemes, subject to the funding being available and the schemes being in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the Council.”

On being put to the vote **the recommendation was declared carried**, with 46 Members voting for, 0 Members voting against and 1 Member abstaining from voting.

RESOLVED -

1. The Capital Programme for 2007-08, amounting to £128.094m, be approved.
2. That the financing of the Capital Programme for

2007-08 be approved.

3. That the capital reserve be set at £3.45m during 2007-08, to be administered for the prudent management of the authority's financial position.
4. That the Cabinet be authorised, once the programme has been set, to approve new capital schemes, and variations to existing schemes, subject to the funding being available and the schemes being in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the Council.

(iii) Treasury Strategy 2007/08 to 2009/10

Councillor Crooks moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 February 2007, which was seconded by Councillor I McCall:

- "1 That the Treasury Strategy for 2007/08 to 2009/10 be approved, incorporating:
- (a) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2007/08 to 2009/10, as required by the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement (TMP6);
 - (b) The Investments Strategy for 2007/08 to 2009/10 as required by the Guidance on Local Government Investments; and
 - (c) The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2007/08 to 2009/10, as required by the Local Government Act 2003."

On being put to the vote **the recommendation was declared carried**, with 46 Members voting for, 0 Members voting against and 1 Member abstaining from voting.

RESOLVED -

- 1 That the Treasury Strategy for 2007/08 to 2009/10 be approved, incorporating:
- (a) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2007/08 to 2009/10, as required by the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement (TMP6);
 - (b) The Investments Strategy for 2007/08 to 2009/10 as required by the Guidance on Local Government Investments; and
 - (c) The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2007/08 to 2009/10, as required by the Local Government Act 2003."

(iv) Prudential Indicators for Capital Finance 2007/08 to 2009/10

Councillor Crooks moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 February 2007, which was seconded by Councillor I McCall:

- “1. That the prudential indicators required under the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, as part of setting the Council’s budget for 2007/08 to 2010/11, be approved, subject to the following changes to the Non-Housing Revenue Account Prudential Indicators in relation to affordability, set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report being noted:

Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream				
	2006/07 Latest Estimate %	2007/08 Estimate %	2008/09 Estimate %	2009/10 Estimate %
Non-HRA	9.67	11.02	13.13	14.38

2. That the existing delegated authority to the Head of Finance to make adjustments between the “borrowing” and “other long term liabilities” categories within the overall total of the indicators be confirmed.”

On being put to the vote **the recommendation was declared carried**, with 46 Members voting for, 0 Member voting against and 1 Member abstaining from voting.

RESOLVED -

1. That the prudential indicators required under the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, as part of setting the Council’s budget for 2007/08 to 2010/11, be approved, subject to the following changes to the Non-Housing Revenue Account Prudential Indicators in relation to affordability, set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report being noted:

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CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION – ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor moved the following motion, which was seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

“That the revised Council Procedure Rule 1 stand adjourned to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.2, the Council noted that consideration of this item would stand adjourned to the meeting of the Council on 12 March 2007.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 12.28 AM