

COUNCIL DECISIONS

12 JANUARY 2010

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b).	<p>Minutes</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record.</p>	-	-
1(c)	<p>Disclosures of Interests</p> <p>Councillor Butler-Ellis declared a personal interest In Item 4 (Milton Keynes Local Development Framework - Core Strategy: Submission Document) as a Director of the United Sustainable Energy Agency, which administered the Council's carbon offset fund.</p> <p>Councillor White declared a personal interest In Item 4 (Milton Keynes Local Development Framework - Core Strategy: Submission Document) as Secretary of the North Bucks Federation of Small Businesses, Chair of the United Sustainable Energy Agency, which administered the Council's carbon offset fund, and Chair of the National Energy Foundation.</p> <p>Councillor Potts declared a personal interest in Item 4 (Milton Keynes Local Development Framework - Core Strategy: Submission Document) as a founder member of the group NEEM (No Expansion East of the M1).</p>		Assistant Director (Democratic Services)
3.	<p>Announcements</p> <p>Letter to be drafted on behalf of the Mayor to the Housing Options Department:</p>	-	Assistant Director (Democratic Services)

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4.	<p>Milton Keynes Local Development Framework - Core Strategy: Submission Document</p> <p>1. That the Local Development Framework Core Strategy be approved for the purposes of pre-submission publication and consultation and submission to the Secretary of State, subject to the following changes:</p> <p>(a) The following being added to Appendix A. Glossary and Abbreviations:</p> <p>‘Grid roads are urban clearways with laybys for bus-stops, with no direct building frontages and no at-grade pedestrian crossings. Some are dualled, and the remainder normally have land reserved for future dualling, or other transport purpose (eg mass passenger transit system). They have substantial landscaping for biodiversity, sound screening and CO2/emissions absorption, usually incorporating a Redway. Collectively, they form a resilient, interconnected network with roundabouts at most gridway intersections, serving both public and private transport.’”</p> <p>(b) An additional bullet point being added to Policy CS7 Central Milton Keynes (on page 61) which reads:</p> <p>‘Develop as an attractive focus for all the residents of the Borough, whilst recognising its role as a District Centre for most of the surrounding estates.’</p>	-	Assistant Director (Planning)

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4 (cont)	<p>(c) The fourth bullet point within Policy CS11 being amended to read: ‘Encouraging greater movement within the Borough by cycling and walking through improvements to the existing Redway network and other paths including more direct routes, enhanced facilities and signage, better integration with transport interchange hubs, and improved surveillance; and by extending the Redways network throughout major new development areas (including the creation of routes that are shorter than the equivalent road journey).’</p> <p>(d) The ninth bullet point within Policy CS13 being amended to read: ‘Redways (another unique element of MK) should be built within the landscape corridor of all new grid roads, as well as elsewhere within new developments.’</p> <p>(e) The following additional ‘Threat’ being added to Table 2.1: ‘The impacts of Peak oil and national measures to reduce CO2 emissions to avoid climate change may not be easily implementable in Milton Keynes.’ and a definition of ‘Peak oil’ being added to the Glossary</p> <p>(f) The following additional sentence being added to the end of paragraph 3.5: ‘MK Council will also sign-up to The Sustainable Communities Act 2007.’</p>		

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4 (cont)	<p>2. That the accountable Cabinet Member be authorised to agree the detailed publication and consultation arrangements for the Core Strategy prior to submission to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>3. That the Corporate Director Environment be authorised to agree any updating, clarification or factual corrections to the Core Strategy, either prior to the pre-submission consultation period, prior to submission to the Secretary of State, or in the lead up to the Public Examination.</p>		<p>Assistant Director (Planning)</p> <p>Corporate Director Environment</p>
5(a)(i)	<p>Members Questions</p> <p>(a) Councillor Crooks to provide a detailed written response by Friday, 15 January 2010, to Councillor Tunney regarding the rise in the headcount of staff, FTE posts in 2009 and the resulting additional costs.</p> <p>(b) Councillor Crooks to provide a written response by Friday, 15 January 2010, to Councillor A Geary of any other such over payments since Councillor Crooks became responsible for Finance.</p> <p>(c) Councillor Williams to provide a written response to Councillor White with regard to whether there has been an increase in the number of visits to the vulnerable elderly during the recent bad weather.</p> <p>(d) Councillor Crooks to provide a written response by Friday, 15 January 2010, to Councillor C Morris with regard to the possibility of extending the Audit Review of payment of invoices to include the general issue of overpayments.</p>		<p>Councillor Crooks / Corporate Director Finance and Risk Management / Assistant Director (HR Strategy)</p> <p>Councillor Crooks / Corporate Director Finance and Risk Management</p> <p>Councillor Williams / Corporate Director Community Wellbeing</p> <p>Councillor Crooks / Corporate Director Finance and Risk Management</p>

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5(b)	<p>Sir Michael Pitt's Review of the 2007 Flooding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this Council endorse the terms of reference of the recent Flood and Water Management Bill which followed Sir Michael Pitt's review of the flooding in 2007 and referred to the role of local authorities being enhanced so that they take responsibility for leading the co-ordination of flood risk management in their areas. 2. That the Council notes that the Flood and Water Management Bill aims to provide better, more sustainable management of flood risk for people, homes and businesses, help safeguard community groups from unaffordable rises in surface water drainage charges and protect water supplies to the consumer. 3. That this Council agrees to request the Cabinet to give greater attention to the Milton Keynes Water Courses by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) providing regular inspections; (b) maintenance of storm drains leading into the water courses; (c) replacing old drainage pipe lines that are too small in diameter to cope for the volume of water as a result of new development; (d) dredging on a regular basis to increase the water capacity; (e) ensuring that all trees, shrubs and obstructions are removed that prevent the flow of water; (f) undertaking more inspections of road-side drains; 	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assistant Director (Democratic Services)</p>

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5(b) (cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (g) ensuring that all residents are aware of their riparian responsibilities if their land backs onto a water course; (h) regular landscape maintenance of trees and bushes overhanging the water courses; (i) ensuring health and safety measures are in place where dangers might arise for young children; and (j) giving greater concern to new building development that has an impact on the drainage systems of the older towns and existing water courses. 		
6.	<p>Ward Based Budgets – October to December 2009</p> <p>The Council received details of Grants awarded by Ward Members from the Ward Initiatives Budget.</p>	-	-
7.	<p>Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions</p> <p>The Council noted that in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.3, the Provisions for Special Urgency, as set out in Access to Information Procedure Rule 16, had been used once during the period October 2009 to December 2009, to allow the Leader to take a decision on the 'World Cup 2018/2022 – Final Bid Stage'.</p>	-	-