

## COUNCIL DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 25 MARCH 2015

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b).	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 11 February 2015 and 18/25 February 2015 be approved and signed by the Mayor as correct records.</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
1(c)	<p><b>Disclosures of Interest</b></p> <p>(a) Councillor P Geary and V Hopkins disclosed personal pecuniary interests in Item 4(a) (Consultation on Additional Sites as Part of the Site Allocations Plan) as there was a potential conflict with land in family ownership.</p> <p>(b) Councillors Bint, Exon, A Geary, Gowans, Green, Legg, Lewis, Middleton, Petchey, White, and C Williams indicated as members of the Development Control Committee that they would leave the meeting during consideration of Item 5(b) (South West Milton Keynes (Salden Chase) Development Proposals) as either members or substitute members of the Development Control Committee taking no part in the debate or voting thereon.</p>		
4(a)	<p><b>Consultation on Additional Sites as Part of the Site Allocations Plan</b></p> <p>That the Council:</p> <p>(a) thanks the Executive Scrutiny Panel members for their detailed scrutiny of the proposed Site Allocations Plan consultation, and welcomes their unanimous recommendation to Full Council;</p>		

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4(a) (cont)	<p>(b) acknowledges the foresight of the early planners of Milton Keynes in recognising the benefit of communal green spaces to local communities;</p> <p>(c) recognises that the sites in the consultation, amounting to 8000 dwellings, and those sites already consulted on, amounting to 3000 dwellings, would together deliver in the order of 11,000 dwellings, against an urban land requirement of 1,100 to ensure a 5-year land supply, and therefore believes that the integrity of the consultation would not be damaged by removing a number of inappropriate sites as the initial sites deliver a 15 year supply;</p> <p>(d) in recognising its policy-setting role, does not believe that a number of sites, particularly, but not exclusively, on land behind properties in estates surrounding Central Milton Keynes, are consistent with the Core Strategy as adopted by Council in July 2013, in particular proposals to develop on amenity land in established estates conflict with policies CS17 and CS19;</p> <p>(e) recognises the widespread opposition to a number of the proposed sites being consulted on, and regrets that many of those objecting feel that they have not been listened to and the lack of co-operation, and that this is only heightened by the knowledge that it is the Council proposing these sites for development and no third party requests have been made;</p>		

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4(a) (cont)	<p>(f) wholly rejects the further proposal to use this consultation on individual sites as a mechanism for a wider policy change for additional development within estates surrounding Central Milton Keynes;</p> <p>(g) regrets that councillors were not involved in the process of considering and selecting Council-owned land to put into this consultation and expects this to become standard practice in future;</p> <p>(h) refers the matter back to the Cabinet member for Public Realm and, given the many issues raised, asks the Cabinet member to withdraw the consultation paper and to gain approval from the Plan:MK Cabinet Advisory Group before taking a revised proposal out to consultation; and</p> <p>(i) asks the Cabinet member for Resources and Commercialism formally to review the entire list of Council-owned sites that have been put forward by officers for inclusion in the site allocation process, with a view to withdrawing all those sites that are already serving a valued purpose for local residents and ensuring that they remain protected as open space covered by policy L2 of the 2005 Local Plan.</p>	<p>Cabinet member for Public Realm for Delegated Decision</p> <p>Cabinet member for Resources and Commercialism for Delegated Decision</p>	<p>Service Director (Planning and Transport)</p> <p>Service Director (Finance and Resources)</p>
4(b)	<p><b>Pay Policy Statement 2015/16</b></p> <p>That the Pay Policy Statement 2015/16 be adopted.</p>		<p>Pay and Reward Manager</p>

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5(a)	<p><b>Councillor's Questions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Councillor Clifton to request officers to review public transport provision in Leadenhall, including 'transport on demand' options. Officer colleagues to note that any development proposals for Leadenhall should be community lead, in conjunction with the Council.</li> <li>2. Councillor Legg to provide Councillor P Geary with a written response as to whether the Council has adopted a policy of not investing in any new infrastructure which requires future maintenance.</li> <li>3. Councillor Marland to inform the Council of any actions taken with regard to the Council's relationship with Milton Keynes Parks Trust.</li> <li>4. Councillor Legg to provide Councillor Bint with a written response as to whether there has been any change to the design code for street and highway direction signs and if not, what measures will be put in place to ensure that the Code is followed and any signs where they do not conform to the Code replaced.</li> <li>5. Councillor Marland to request the officer colleagues consider revising the current Street Naming and Numbering Protocol to allow new streets in Wavendon to be named after former village residents who had lost their lives as a result of the Nation's involvement in arm conflicts.</li> </ol>	-	<p>Service Director (Planning and Transport)</p> <p>Service Director (Public Realm)</p> <p>Director of Strategy</p> <p>Service Director (Public Realm)</p> <p>Service Director (Public Realm)</p>

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5(a) (cont)	<p>6. Councillor S Burke to supply Councillor Clifton with details of road schemes in his ward which had been approved in the Council's Capital Programme, but had not progressed due to a lack of officer resources, so that Councillor Clifton could investigate the reasoning and report back to Councillor S Burke.</p> <p>7. Councillor Legg to provide Councillor Ferrans with a written response as to whether the Council has changed its policy of signposting roadworks on Grid Roads at least two roundabouts in advance to allow motorists to take alternative routes, and if not ask officer colleagues to restore the policy.</p> <p>8. Councillor Webb to supply Councillor Legg with details of non-functioning streetlights in his Ward in order that he may advise officer colleagues.</p>		<p>Councillor S Burke</p> <p>Service Director (Public Realm)</p> <p>Councillor Webb</p>
5(b)	<p><b>South West Milton Keynes (Salden Chase) Development Proposals</b></p> <p>1. That this Council notes that the South West Milton Keynes Consortium is consulting on new plans to develop housing on the Salden Chase area of Aylesbury Vale District Council, which is adjacent to Milton Keynes, and in particular Bletchley.</p> <p>2. That this Council:</p> <p>(a) expresses deep concern about the proposed development and its potential impact on Milton Keynes;</p> <p>(b) believes the consortium and development name of "South West Milton Keynes" is fundamentally misleading and highlights that no part of the proposals fall within Milton Keynes Council's administrative boundary and that this Council will not determine the planning application;</p>	-	-

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5(b) (cont)	<p>(c) believes the consortium and development name of “South West Milton Keynes” seeks to trade on the good name of Milton Keynes to the benefit of the developers and to the detriment of Milton Keynes;</p> <p>(d) notes that as Salden Chase falls outside the administrative boundaries of Milton Keynes Council any income from the development such as Council Tax, business rates and infrastructure contributions would benefit Aylesbury Vale District Council, while the likely cost and impact would fall on the citizens, services and infrastructure of Milton Keynes;</p> <p>(e) believes that the development will place unacceptable strain on the infrastructure and services in Milton Keynes;</p> <p>(f) believes that the consortium is seeking to develop the proposal in stages in order to minimise contributions for the necessary mitigation and infrastructure requirements of the development;</p> <p>(g) is concerned that any development will have an adverse impact on Milton Keynes roads and transport infrastructure, in particular the A421, adding to serious congestion;</p> <p>(h) is concerned that the development will impact on GP services in Bletchley and on wider health services in Milton Keynes;</p>		

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5(b) (cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="504 316 1500 459">(i) is concerned about the provision and impact on other services, such as school places, which would undoubtedly arise from the development and for which Milton Keynes Council would receive little funding;</li> <li data-bbox="504 480 1500 587">(j) notes that the development proposals lack any conformity or integration with the surrounding and adjoining infrastructure of Milton Keynes;</li> <li data-bbox="504 608 1500 676">(k) is concerned over the provision of affordable properties within the development;</li> <li data-bbox="504 697 1500 804">(l) highlights that any development would likely be regarded informally and geographically as part of Milton Keynes but that this Authority would have no administrative role in the area;</li> <li data-bbox="504 825 1500 968">(m) notes the absence of a Core Strategy for development by Aylesbury Vale District Council and that this places Milton Keynes at an unacceptable risk of speculative unplanned edge of town development applications such as Salden Chase; and</li> <li data-bbox="504 989 1500 1166">(n) notes the legal requirement of “Duty to Co-operate” between local authorities over planned development and that contact between Aylesbury Vale District Council and the developer with Milton Keynes Council over the impact of this proposal has been minimal.</li> </ul>		

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5(b) (cont)	<p>3. That this Council therefore agrees:.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to oppose the current development proposals;</li> <li>(b) to highlight the negative impact of the proposals on Milton Keynes;</li> <li>(c) to develop a close working relationship with the three Milton Keynes Parish Councils affected by the development (West Bletchley, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford, Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe) to support the community in challenging the proposed development;</li> <li>(d) to work with Aylesbury Vale parish councils who oppose the development;</li> <li>(e) to recognise the work of parish councils and their opposition to the proposed development;</li> <li>(f) to support Milton Keynes ward and parish councillors, through regular briefings, in representing their residents' views to both the Aylesbury Vale planning authority and with respect to the application to Milton Keynes Council; and</li> <li>(g) that the Service Director (Planning and Transport) writes to the Chief Executive and Leader of Aylesbury Vale District Council and the Chief Executive of the South West Milton Keynes Consortium to outline this Council's opposition to the development plans.</li> </ul>		Service Director (Planning and Transport)

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5(b) (cont)	4. That this Council notes, commends and supports the work and actions of the many local residents and action groups, local parish councillors, locally elected members of all political parties within the surrounding area and the serving Member of Parliament Iain Stewart MP, and recognises that it is essential for this united stand to continue if the campaign against this unjustified development is to succeed.		
6.	<p><b>Scheme of Councillors Allowances 2015/16</b></p> <p>1. That bearing in mind the Council's current financial position and the need to constrain costs, the recommendations in the 2014 report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' Allowances be not implemented.</p> <p>2. That in order to ensure that there is no increase in the overall sum of money for councillors' allowances, the scheme of allowances for 2015-2016 should be the same as that for 2014-2015, subject to the Special Responsibility Allowances for Overview and Scrutiny being amended, as follows, to reflect the decision of the Council on 14 January 2015 (Minute CL118 refers), as subsequently endorsed by the Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' Allowances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Chair of the Scrutiny Management Group £7k</li> <li>(b) Budget Scrutiny Committee Chair £4.5k</li> <li>(c) Executive Scrutiny Committee Chair £4.5k</li> <li>(d) Children and Young People Committee £4.5k</li> <li>(e) Health and Adult Social Care Committee £4.5k</li> </ul>	-	Councillor Services and Elections Manager

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6 (cont)	<p>(f) Chairs of the Task and Finish Groups £4.5k (pro rata basis depending on the length of time the Group is in place).</p> <p>3. That it be noted that the allowances for Overview and Scrutiny above are being funded from the reallocation of sums available for scrutiny committees that are ceasing to exist and that there is no increase in the budget for councillors allowances.</p> <p>4. That furthermore that Council confirms the continuation of the custom and practice that has been in place since the introduction of the Cabinet system of government that there is a cap on the total allowances available for the Cabinet which is distributed between Cabinet Members (Leader excluded), as this has the benefit of enabling the Leader to determine the Cabinet structure without increasing the cost to tax payers.</p> <p>5. That it be noted that historically the cap has been based on a 7 member Cabinet (currently with an allowance of £10,753 and a total of £74,529) and seeks assurance that this cap formula has been applied in 2014/15 and agrees its retention until Council decides otherwise.</p> <p>6. That no indexation be applied to Councillors' allowances whatsoever.</p>		
7.	<p><b>Returning Officer's Fees</b></p> <p>That the Buckinghamshire scheme for Election fees be adopted for 2015/16.</p>	-	Councillor Services and Elections Manager

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8.	<p><b>Annual Reports</b></p> <p>The Council received the Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny, from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, together with reports from the Chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Committees.</p>	-	-
9.	<p><b>Leader's Executive Scheme of Delegation</b></p> <p>The Council noted that the Leader had changed the name of the Cabinet Procurement Committee to Procurement and Commissioning and had also changed the membership.</p>	-	-
10.	<p><b>Ward Based Budgets - 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015</b></p> <p>The report was received.</p>	-	-
11.	<p><b>Appointments to Chief Officer Posts</b></p> <p>The appointment of Duncan Sharkey to the post of Corporate Director – Place was noted.</p>	-	-