

## COUNCIL DECISIONS – 14 NOVEMBER 2006

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 10 October 2006, be approved and signed by the Mayor as correct records.</p>	-	Head of Democratic Services
1(d)	<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>That the Council's condolences be sent to the family of former Councillor Roy Miller, who died recently.</p>	-	Head of Democratic Services
2(b)	<p><b>Public Questions</b></p> <p>Councillors E Henderson, Jury, Long and Williams to provide written responses to questions.</p> <p>Details supplied to the Members concerned.</p>	-	Head of Democratic Services / Councillors E Henderson, Jury, Long and Williams
4	<p><b>Cultural Strategy</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Cultural Strategy be adopted.</li> <li>2. That the Cabinet be requested to keep the Strategy under review, and be authorised to agree changes from time to time to ensure that the Strategy reflects the changing cultural, sporting and leisure needs of Milton Keynes.</li> </ol>	-	Group Director SureStart and Community Learning

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5(a)	<p><b>Members' Questions</b></p> <p>Food Waste Recycling</p> <p>Councillor D McCall's response to Councillor Geary's question to be circulated.</p>	-	Head of Democratic Services
5(b)(i)	<p><b>B&amp;Q Roundabout and Garage</b></p> <p>1. That this Council is concerned about the access problems into Central Bletchley and the delays in addressing problems associated with the B&amp;Q roundabout and the significant delay in progressing work on the link road between Saxon Street and Tavistock Street.</p> <p>2. That this Council therefore agrees to ask the Cabinet to:</p> <p>(a) bring forward proposals to improve the roundabout and build the Saxon Street/Tavistock Street Link Road, and identify sufficient resources to commence work in the current financial year; and</p> <p>(b) bring forward proposals to re-develop the central Bletchley Bus Garage at the earliest appropriate time.</p>	Cabinet	Head of Democratic Services / Head of Planning and Transport
5(b)(ii)	<p><b>Budget 2007/08</b></p> <p>That the following motion be referred to the Cabinet for consideration as part of the ongoing budget discussions:</p>	Cabinet	Head of Democratic Services

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5(b)(ii) [cont]	<p>“1 That this Council is concerned that the Cabinet’s budget process lacks clear priorities, as evidenced by the target of £9 million of cross departmental cuts agreed by Cabinet on the 12 June 2006.</p> <p>2. That the Council agrees that the Cabinet should give priority to the following 8 service areas and that they should be the priority for extra resources:</p> <p>(a) Devolution of more powers, services and resources to Parish Councils throughout Milton Keynes giving local people a real opportunity to shape services to meet the needs of local areas;</p> <p>(b) Resource Equalisation to ensure that the poorest communities are protected and provided with resources to do the job that local people want;</p> <p>(c) Better Environment, including extra funding for roads, pavements, tackling graffiti and improved drainage;</p> <p>(d) Increasing education standards, learning and skills, including libraries funding;</p> <p>(e) Support for older people services including disabled adaptations, support to stay in peoples homes;</p> <p>(f) Services for vulnerable adults including Mental Health Services and Learning Disability services;</p>		

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5(b)(ii) [cont]	<p>(g) Addressing Social, Health and Economic inequalities across the Borough, through regeneration. social inclusion, public health, skills programmes and learning and children's centres especially in the more deprived areas; and</p> <p>(h) Public Transport.</p> <p>2. That the Council further agrees:</p> <p>(a) that the Cabinet should ensure the 2007/8 draft budget includes revenue funding 2.5% growth above inflation and demographic growth in each of the 8 priority areas; and</p> <p>(b) that the regeneration should bring together revenue and capital resources including Housing Revenue Account and General Fund monies.</p>		
5(b)(iii)	<p><b>Strong and Prosperous Communities' White Paper</b></p> <p>1. That this Council welcomes the publication of the 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' White Paper, but regrets that the White Paper does not give any indication of the extent of the powers that may be devolved to local government.</p> <p>2. That the Council notes a number of positive aspects of the White Paper, in particular:</p> <p>(a) recognition of the importance of parish and town councils as the first tier of local government;</p>	-	Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Performance)

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5(b)(iii) [cont]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) restoration of the right of local councillors to defend their local communities on planning and licensing decisions;</li> <li>(c) more powers for scrutiny committees to hold public services to account; and</li> <li>(d) a cut in the number of Performance Indicators from 1200 to 200.</li> </ul> <p>3. That the Council regrets the many opportunities the White Paper has completely missed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) no radical devolution of power or funding from central government and quangos to town halls;</li> <li>(b) no review of local government finance;</li> <li>(c) no return of business rates to local control;</li> <li>(d) no abolition of the Standards Board; and</li> <li>(e) no recognition of the unpopularity of elected mayors.</li> </ul>		
5(b)(iv)	<p><b>Calverton Lane Travellers Site</b></p> <p>Motion withdrawn.</p>	-	-
5(b)(v)	<p><b>Tavistock Street, Bletchley - Road Closure</b></p> <p>That this Council notes the evidence supplied by Councillor Long that officers considered the closure of Tavistock Street to be impractical, and evidence of inconsistent consultation by the public at the last Council meeting, about the proposed closure of Tavistock Street and therefore agrees to request the Cabinet to suspend the closure of Tavistock Street until it has been advised by the Environment Policy Development Committee about the implications of the closure.</p>	Cabinet	Head of Democratic Services / Head of Planning and Transport