

Minutes of the meeting of REGENERATIONMK COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2016 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor Wilson (Chair)
Councillors R Bradburn (Vice-Chair), Ganatra, Long (Substitute for Councillor O'Neill), Marland, Walker (Vice-Chair) and C Williams.

Officers: D Sharkey (Corporate Director – Place), J Reed (Service Director [Housing & Community]), L Ellen (Acting Service Director [Housing & Community]), D Gleeson (Regeneration Programme Director) and T Milner (Committee Manager).

Also Present: M Wall (YourMK), S Smith and A Williamson (Members of the Public)

Apology: Councillor O'Neill.

RC001 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the special meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee held on 25 May 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

RC002 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor C Williams disclosed a personal interest as a spokesperson for a political group in respect of Housing.

RC003 REGENERATION COMMITTEE

The Committee received an oral update in respect of the Regeneration Committee from the Chair, Councillor Wilson.

The Committee heard that the Regeneration Committee had been set up as a Committee of the Council, dealing with one of the biggest and most exciting projects the Council had undertaken in many years. The key aims of making the Regeneration programme a success would be to focus on making positive differences to citizens living in Milton Keynes by:

- Improving homes and neighbourhoods;
- Providing job and training opportunities; and
- Supporting and involving local people and groups within the various communities.

It was reported that all planning applications as part of the Regeneration programme, would have to be submitted to the Council's Development Control Committee for consideration.

The Committee also heard that the Terms of Reference for the Regeneration Committee had been presented to Council in January 2016.

The Chair indicated an opportunity to organise a ½ day Development Away Day to aid the new Committee with future planning, whilst helping to build the business relationship with the Mears Group, the Council's responsible partner in the regeneration programme for Milton Keynes. Additionally, the Away Day would provide the opportunity to look at the process for appointing Council representatives to YourMK Board.

RESOLVED -

1. That the following Terms of Reference for the RegenerationMK Committee, as agreed by Council on 13 January 2016, be noted:
 - “(a) To recruit qualified individuals to represent the Council on the Main Board.
 - (b) To remove any of the Council's representatives from the Board for poor performance or misconduct.
 - (c) To have oversight of the annual Business Plan review process.
 - (d) To report, at least annually, to Cabinet and Council on the performance against Business Plan.”
2. That the Service Director (Housing & Community) be requested to organise a ½ day Planning meeting for the Committee

RC004

PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO YOURMK BOARD

The Committee received an oral update from the Chair in respect of the Process for considering Appointments to YourMK Board.

The Committee heard that the Council and Mears Group had come together forming a unique partnership, and to further aid the process of the Regeneration programme there was a requirement to look at appointing 3 independent Board Members (non-Executive posts), who would have the appropriate skill base, via a thorough recruitment process.

It was reported that the purpose of the YourMK Board would be to ensure the strategic objectives of the business were being met in accordance with the longer term business plan. The Board would also be responsible for managing the business, whilst also ensuring that the corporate governance requirements were being adhered to. The appointed Board Members would be accountable, and report to the RegenerationMK Committee.

The Service Director (Housing & Community) informed the Committee that the recruitment timetable had been revised, with the recruitment process now due to commence during July 2016, with the view of having appropriate appointments in place by the end of December 2016.

RESOLVED –

1. That the oral update for appointments to YourMK Board be noted.
2. That the Service Director (Housing & Community) be requested to circulate the revised recruitment timetable to the Committee via email.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6.45 PM