

COUNCIL DECISIONS – 10 NOVEMBER 2009

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 13 October 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to the word 'Parish' being inserted before the word 'Review' in Clause (a) of Minute CL51(a).</p>	-	Assistant Director Democratic Services
3.	<p>Business Remaining from Last Meeting - Statement of Accounts</p> <p>That the concerns of the District Auditor be noted.</p>	-	-
4(a).	<p>Standards Committee Annual Report 2009</p> <p>That the report be received.</p> <p>Action Arising:</p> <p>(a) Parish Councils to be reminded of the availability of training on Code of Conduct issues.</p> <p>(b) Councillor Dransfield to be provided, if possible, with a comparison of costs in dealing with upheld complaints between Milton Keynes and other authorities.</p> <p>(c) That the approach adopted by Buckinghamshire authorities in working with the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Parish Councils to provide advice to parish councils, rather than use officers of the Council, be investigated. Councillor Fraser to be advised of the outcome of the investigation.</p>	-	-

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4(a)(cont)	(d) That the Chair consider making representations to Standards England about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) developing advice for dealing with vexatious complaints; and (ii) making Code of Conduct training compulsory for all Members. 		Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer
4(b)	Children and Young People's Plan That the Children and Young People's Plan be approved and endorsed.	-	Corporate Director Children and Young People's Services
5(a)	Members Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Councillor Galloway to investigate the Council's current practice with regard charging for dealing with reports of problems with rats and to inform Councillor Bristow, together with details of the number of reports received. (b) Councillor Hoyle to inform Councillor Williams of the details relating to the fitting of a new kitchen and double glazing in a constituent's Council house in order that he may investigate the scheduling. (c) Councillor S Clark to forward to Councillor U Clarke the answer to the question asked by him at the last meeting of the Council. (d) Councillor S Clark to notify Councillor Edwards as to what was the overall costs, the amount of any additional costs to the Council and the affect on schools of privatising the School Meals Service. 		Assistant Director Regulatory Services / Councillor Galloway Councillor Hoyle Councillor S Clark Corporate Director Children and Young People's Services / Councillor S Clark

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5(a) (cont)	<p>(e) Councillor Ferrans to pass to the appropriate Cabinet Members, for a written response, Councillor Coventry's request for an assurance that, if fuel poverty is found to exist on Tinkers Bridge, it will be addressed and an assessment of the potential costs provided.</p> <p>(f) Councillor S Clark to inform Councillor Small as to the likely levels of compensation the Council would receive as a result of the early cancellation of the school meals contract by Sedexo.</p>		<p>Councillor Ferrans / Williams/ Crooks/Assistant Director Housing</p> <p>Corporate Director Children and Young People's Services / Councillor S Clark</p>
5(b)(i)	<p>Building Schools for the Future</p> <p>1. That this Council notes that:</p> <p>(a) the buildings and facilities of many of the secondary schools in the Borough are among the finest in the UK;</p> <p>(b) by contrast, four secondary schools (Leon, Lord Grey, the Newport Pagnell campus of Ousedale, and Radcliffe) and much of our secondary special provision are no longer fit for educating students in the 21st century;</p> <p>(c) in addition, a number of other relatively old schools (such as Denbigh and Stantonbury) would benefit from significant capital investment;</p> <p>(d) in the Government's recent review of its Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme, Milton Keynes just missed being included in the 2010/11 BSF starts programme; and</p> <p>(e) the Council may well be offered inclusion in the first quarter of the 2011/12 BSF starts programme.</p>	-	

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5(b)(i) (cont)	<p>2. That the Council therefore recommends that the Cabinet:</p> <p>(a) instructs the Director of Children’s Services to ensure that the necessary preparatory work is done so that the Council can respond credibly and positively to an invitation to submit a “Readiness to Deliver” bid at the first opportunity; and</p> <p>(b) agrees to make every effort to invest the resources necessary to enable the Council to take full advantage of the BSF programme at the earliest possible opportunity.</p>	Cabinet	<p>Assistant Director Democratic Services Corporate Director Children and Young People’s Services</p> <p>Corporate Director Children and Young People’s Services</p>
6.	<p>Membership of Committees</p> <p>The Council noted that Councillor Barry had been appointed as a member of the Health and Community Wellbeing Select Committee.</p>	-	Assistant Director Democratic Services
7.	<p>The Cross Boundary Members’ Reference Group</p> <p>That the resolution of the Council recorded in Minute CL54(2)(b) be taken forward in the first instance by referring the minutes of the meetings of the Cross Boundary Members' Reference Group, circulated with the agenda, to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, to be allocated for consideration by the appropriate Select Committee, with a view to developing appropriate guidelines for future Member and Officer engagement with the Cross Boundary Member Reference Group and the process of developing Supplementary Planning Documents in relation to the South East and South West Special Development Areas.</p>	-	Assistant Director Democratic Services