

COUNCIL DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 10 MARCH 2021

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 24 February 2021 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to Councillor Carr, rather than Councillor McCall, being recorded as the seconder of the Amendment moved by Councillor R Bradburn at Minute CL97 (Council Budget for 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 – 2024/25).</p>	-	-
1(c)	<p>Disclosure of Interests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Legg disclosed a prejudicial interest in Item 4(d) (The Annual Pay Policy Statement), as his wife was an employee of the Council. 2. Councillor Khan advised the Council that in relation to Item 4(d) (The Annual Pay Policy Statement), his daughter was an employee of the Council. 3. Councillor P Geary disclosed a personal interest in relation to Item 4(d), (The Annual Pay Policy Statement) as his sister in-law was an employee of the Council. 	-	-
1(d)	<p>Announcements</p> <p>The Mayor made announcements in respect of the Bletchley and Fenny Town Deal and the retirement of Geoff Snelson, the Council's Director of strategy and Futures.</p>	-	-

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2(a)	<p>Petitions</p> <p>None received.</p>		
2(b)	<p>Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>10 questions received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Darlington to arrange to discuss with residents and interested parties, including Newport Pagnell Town Council, options for maintaining, or enhancing the level of car parking provision in Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell. 2. Shazna Muzammil to advise Councillor Darlington as to the location of fly tipping on land in private ownership near to Queensway, Bletchley, in-order that it can be investigated. 3. Adam Rolfe to advise Councillor Darlington of the FS Numbers of the reports relating to the pothole on Sutherland Grove / Whaddon Way so that the status of the repair can be investigated. 		<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p>Councillor Darlington / Strategic Lead – Transport Policy and Plan</p> <p>Councillor Darlington / Head of Environment and Waste</p> <p>Councillor Darlington / Head of Highways</p>
3	<p>Business Remaining from Last Meeting</p> <p>None</p>	-	-

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4(a)	<p>Audit Committee Terms of Reference</p> <p>That the revised Audit Committee Terms of Reference be adopted.</p> <p>Councillor Cannon (Chair of the Audit Committee) to liaise with officer colleagues to confirm whether the revised Terms of Reference for the Committee give it adequate scope to consider other than financial issues and to communicate the outcome to Councillor Bint.</p>	-	<p>Head of Democratic Services</p> <p>Councillor Cannon / Chief Internal Auditor</p>
4(b)	<p>Social Media Guidance for Councillors</p> <p>That the Social Media Guidance be adopted</p>	-	<p>Head of Democratic Services / Head of Communications</p>
4(c)(i) & (ii)	<p>Budget and Resources and Regeneration and Renewal Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference</p> <p>That the changes to the Budget and Resources and the Regeneration and Renewal Scrutiny Committees' Terms of Reference be adopted.</p>	-	<p>Head of Democratic Services</p>
4(d)	<p>Annual Pay Policy Statement</p> <p>That the Annual Pay Policy Statement be adopted, with effect from 1 April 2021.</p>	-	<p>Head of HR</p>

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5(a)	<p>Councillors' Questions</p> <p>(a) Councillor J Wilson-Marklew to investigate the possibility of providing 6 months free travel on the Demand Responsive Transport service and commercially operated public transport, for NHS employees as a thank-you from the Council for their work during the Covid-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>(b) Councillor Darlington to liaise with officer colleagues regarding how the Council can best support Campbell Park Parish Council in promoting recycling, including supporting events where residents can be provided with a green recycling bin, subject to them committing to use the bin for the purpose of recycling.</p> <p>(c) Councillor Nolan to request officer colleagues to advise Councillor Raja of what alternative provision was made for the children of essential workers attending Caroline Haslett School during the 6 week enforced closure caused by a dangerous boiler and if no provision was made, why not.</p> <p>(d) Councillor J Wilson-Marklew to liaise with officer colleagues about how to best communicate with regular bus users about the new Demand Responsive Transport service, particularly where existing bus routes have changed.</p> <p>Councillor J Wilson-Marklew to meet with Councillor McPake to discuss her ideas of how best to communicate with existing bus users.</p>	-	<p>Councillor J Wilson-Marklew / Strategic Lead – Transport</p> <p>Councillor Darlington / Head of Environment and Waste</p> <p>Councillor Nolan / Director Children' Services</p> <p>Councillor J Wilson-Marklew / Strategic Lead – Transport</p> <p>Councillor J Wilson-Marklew</p>

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5(b)(i)	<p>Long COVID</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this Council notes that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a growing number of people who have had COVID-19 go on to experience Long COVID, or Post-COVID Syndrome, where they continue to feel effects of the virus weeks or even months after initially falling ill. Symptoms can include “breathlessness, chronic fatigue, “brain fog”, anxiety and stress”, according to NHS England; (b) the Office for National Statistics found an estimated 1 in 5 people testing positive for COVID experienced symptoms for five weeks or longer, and 1 in 10 experienced symptoms for 12 weeks or longer (c) research into Long COVID should include both those who were and were not hospitalised to understand the true scale of the issue; and (d) 72 MPs signed an Early Day Motion calling on the government to collect and regularly report on the number of people living with Long COVID; and to consider measures to support those living with Long COVID. 2. That this Council welcomes the news from December 2020 that Milton Keynes will be home to one of 69 specialist Long COVID clinics across the country. 	-	-

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5(b)(i) (cont)	<p>Long COVID</p> <p>3. That this Council resolves to:</p> <p>(a) support employees with Long COVID and explore in detail what options there are for more specific assistance;</p> <p>(b) request the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider collecting and reporting on data on Long COVID; and</p> <p>(c) request the Leader and Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to ask the Government to:</p> <p>(i) collect and regularly report on the number of people living with Long COVID, and to publish the data by principal authority; and</p> <p>(ii) consider measures to support those living with Long COVID, including the possibility of protection for workers by offering incentives to employers to retain recovering staff.</p>	-	<p>-</p> <p>Head of HR</p> <p>Head of Democratic Services</p> <p>Head of Democratic Services</p>
6.	<p>Returning Officer's Fees 2021/22</p> <p>That the schedule of fees and disbursements for Principal Area and Parish elections be adopted for 2021/22</p>	-	Head of Democratic Services
7.	<p>Ward Based Budgets 2020/21</p> <p>The Council noted that for the period 1 April 2020 to 25 February 2021, applications totalling £52,250 had been approved.</p>		-

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8.	Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions That the report be noted.		-