



Head of Democratic Services
John Moffoot

To: The Mayor and Members of
the Milton Keynes Council

15 May 2006

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the **MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL** to be held at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes on **TUESDAY 23 MAY 2006 at 7.30 pm**, when the business set out overleaf will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

John Moffoot
Head of Democratic Services

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The proceedings at this meeting may be recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA

Item No:

- 1. Election of Mayor**
- 2. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor**
- 3. Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

The Council, at its meeting on 12 November 2002 (Minute CL66(d) refers), agreed a selection criterion for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor based on the number of seats held by a particular party group over a period of time.

The Conservative Group currently has -9 points, the Labour Group 24 points and the Liberal Democrat Group 29 points.

The nomination of the Deputy Mayor therefore falls to the Liberal Democrat Group.

The Council is asked to appoint a Deputy Mayor in accordance with the agreed selection criterion.

- 4. Procedure**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes

To approve, and the Mayor to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 March 2006 (Item 4) (**Pages 7 to 21**).

- (c) Disclosure of Interests

Members to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business to be transacted and officers to disclose any interest in contracts to be considered by the Council.

- (d) Announcements

To receive any announcements.

- 5. Returning Officer's Report**

To receive the report of the Returning Officer following the Borough Council Elections held on 4 May 2006 (Item 5) (**Pages 22 and 23**).

Accountable Officer: John Moffoot (Head of Democratic Services) -
MK252314

Background Papers: None

6. Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990

The Council is required by the above Regulations to review the basis of allocation of seats amongst the Political Groups either at its Annual Meeting, or as soon as practicable thereafter, or following a by-election.

The Conservative Group currently hold 25.490% of the seats on the Council, the Labour Group 29.412% of the seats; the Liberal Democrat Group 45.098% of the seats.

Accountable Officer: John Moffoot (Head of Democratic Services) - MK252314

Background Papers: None

7. Appointment of Leader

To appoint a Leader of the Council for the Council Year 2006/07.

8. Appointment of Cabinet

(a) To determine the number of Members to form the Cabinet, up to a maximum of 9 plus the Leader.

(b) To appoint Members to serve on the Cabinet.

9. Audit Committee

To consider the following recommendation from the meeting of the Business Management Group held on 15 March 2006:

1. That an Audit Committee be established, initially with the Terms of Reference, set out as an **Annex** to the report.
2. That the Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit Committee be independent persons co-opted to serve on the Committee with full voting rights.
3. That the performance review functions of the current Performance Review and Audit Panel be combined with those of the Corporate Policy Development Committee and establish a Performance Review and Corporate Policy Development Committee.
4. That a Performance Review and Audit Panel be not appointed as from the Annual Meeting in 2006.
5. That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make any subsequent changes to the Constitution.

A copy of the report considered by the Business Management Group is attached at Item 9 (**Pages 24 to 34**).

10. Appointments to Other Committees/Groups/Panels

To determine the number of Members and Membership to form the following Committees/Groups/Panels, in accordance with the political balance on the Council:

- (a) Appeals Commission (15)
- (b) Audit Committee (provisional)
- (c) Business Management Group (7)
- (d) Corporate Policy Development Committee (7) [provisional]
- (e) Development Control Committee (11)
- (f) Early Retirement/Redundancy Panel (5)
- (g) Environment Policy Development Committee (7)
- (h) Executive Scrutiny Panel (7)
- (i) External Scrutiny Panel (7)
- (j) Joint Negotiating Committee (Employer's Side) (7)
- (k) Learning and Development Policy Development Committee (9)
- (l) Licensing Committee (15)
- (m) Performance Review and Audit Panel (7) [provisional]
- (n) Performance Review and Corporate Policy Development Committee (7) [provisional]
- (o) Regulatory Committee (15)
- (p) Social Care and Housing Policy Development Committee (7)
- (q) Standards Committee (5)

The Standards Committee also comprises 2 independent members and 1 representative of parish councils.

11. Appointment of Voting Co-opted Members

To consider appointing the following voting Co-opted Members to the Learning and Development Policy Development Committee:

1 representative of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education - Rev. Dr. M Archer

1 representative of the Northampton Diocesan School Commission - Vacant

2 representatives of parent governors in primary schools – Mr J McAuley and Mr S Tucker

1 representative of parent governors in secondary schools – Vacant

Note: The term of office of the 2 representatives of parent governors in primary schools ends on 31 October 2006. A formal election process for parent governors will be conducted in advance of that date.

12. Appointments to Other Bodies - Combined Fire Authority

The Council is asked to appoint five Members as the Council's representatives to the Combined Fire Authority, in accordance with the Buckinghamshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order.

Accountable Officer: John Moffoot (Head of Democratic Services) - MK252314

Background Papers: None

13. Appointment to Thames Valley Police Authority

In accordance with Schedule 2 Paragraph 4 (1) of the Police Act 1996, the allocation of seats on the Thames Valley Police Authority has been reviewed by the Authority's Joint Committee to ensure that the Authority's membership reflects the political proportionality of its area.

After considering the election results and the impact on the Police Authority area the Joint Committee unanimously decided on the following allocations to each of the 9 local authorities in the Police Authority's area:

Buckinghamshire County Council - 1 Conservative

Oxfordshire County Council - 1 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat

Bracknell Forest Borough Council - 1 Conservative

Milton Keynes Council - 1 Liberal Democrat

Reading Borough Council - 1 Labour

Slough Borough Council - 1 Labour

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead - 1 Liberal Democrat

Wokingham Borough Council - 1 Conservative

West Berkshire Borough Council - 1 Conservative

The decision of the Joint Committee will achieve statutory compliance and allow each authority to appoint from its largest group.

The Council is accordingly asked to appoint a Liberal Democrat Member as the Council's representatives to the Thames Valley Police Authority.

The appointment is for a four year term of office.

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MK252314

Background Papers: None

14. Scheme of Delegation for Executive Functions

To consider for adoption the Scheme of Delegation for Executive Functions (Item 14) **(to follow)**

15. Notice of Motion

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor Dransfield:

“That this Council no longer considers itself bound by the policies agreed by the adoption of the Liberal Democrat Manifesto at its meeting on 22 June 2004 (Minute CL13 refers)”.