

Special Economic Development and Enterprise Select Committee

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2009

7.30 pm

**MEETING ROOM 2, CIVIC OFFICES,
CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES**

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Chair: Councillor I McCall
Councillors: Carstens, Fraser, Jury, Lloyd, D McCall, A. Morris, O'Neill, Tamagnini-Barbosa and Tunney.

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What is Overview and Scrutiny?

Each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements.

Each select committee has its own remit as set out in its terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

They have a number of key roles:

1. Providing a critical friend challenge to policy makers and decision makers
2. Enabling the voice and concerns of the public
3. Driving improvement in public services.

The select committees consider issues by receiving information from and questioning officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals or practices. They then develop recommendations to provide to officers, Members or external partners that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations.

As select committees have no executive powers they often present their conclusions in the form of recommendations that can be provided to the Council, elected Members or other external agencies. Members will often request a formal response and progress report on the implementation of recommendations that they have provided to various parties.

Attending Meetings of Select Committees

Meetings of the select committees are held in public and are open for everyone to attend. If you would like to attend then please just turn up but if you can then let us know you are attending in advance of the meeting and whether or not you would like to make a representation to Members on behalf of yourself or others.

If there are specific issues that the meeting must consider in private then they will be asked to consider this at the meeting.

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COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2009/10 – 2010/11

- To have effective and efficient (public transport) routes that, are affordable and accessible for all.
- To increase the level of education attainment for children and adults.
- To make it a safe and pleasant environment for the people of Milton Keynes to live and work.
- To improve people's life chances and narrow the gap between our poorest and most affluent communities.

- To help teenagers achieve their potential, contribute into their community and enjoy their lives.
- To limit the adverse impact of the recession on the community and businesses and prepare for economic recovery.

Terms of Reference of the Economic Development and Enterprise Select Committee

1. To assist in the strategic planning of the city for the benefit of its residents and to enhance the economic prosperity and sustainability of the area by supporting the development of evidence based strategies and policies in relation to these aims.
2. To scrutinise the provision of services, the achievement of targets and the provision of resources to this end.
3. To carry out scrutiny of the planning process and the Local Development Framework.

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1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair to welcome Members, officers and the public to the meeting and introduce Members and officers who are present.

2. Apologies

3. Disclosures of Interest

Members and officers to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business to be transacted.

4. The Radcliffe Initiative

To consider the attached report (Item 4) on the proposed land deal relating to the Radcliffe Initiative, which is due to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 22 December 2009.

The Select Committee has been requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to review the proposals prior to their consideration by Cabinet. The Select Committee's observations on the proposals in the draft Cabinet report will be incorporated into the Cabinet report before it is finalised.

The Committee is advised that the text and some of the figures in the report will remain subject to amendment up to the point at which it is finalised for submission to the Cabinet.

The Select Committee may also like to be aware that a range of stakeholders who have an interest in the Radcliffe School and the various potential developments on the site have been notified of the Committee's meeting and may attend with a view to expressing their own views on the proposals.

