

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

23 AUGUST 2016

| AGENDA ITEM NUMBER | SUBJECT AND RESOLUTION | DECISION REFERRAL | PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION |
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| 2. | <p>Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor D McCall and Councillor Webb</p> | Minutes | Overview and Scrutiny Officer |
| 3. | <p>Disclosure of Interests Councillor Ferrans declared an interest as a member of the Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) and as a substitute member of the Development Control Committee.</p> | Minutes | Overview and Scrutiny Officer |
| 4. | <p>Minutes That the Minutes of the meeting of the Housing and Community Committee held on 14 July 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.</p> | Chair | Overview and Scrutiny Officer |
| 5. | <p>Alternative Forms of Housing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Committee acknowledges the Cabinet's desire to provide permanent housing solutions for the homeless in Milton Keynes, but that in light of the spiralling costs of providing temporary accommodation, the Cabinet is requested to explore the short-term benefits which could be provided by the use of modular developments, converted shipping containers/portacabins/terrapins, mobile homes, log cabins, static caravans etc, which have been successfully used elsewhere, in order to move people out of temporary, room-only hotel accommodation. The Committee would expect to receive the views and findings of the Cabinet in time for its scheduled January 2017 meeting. 2. That having been made aware of the planning issues relating to the establishment of such developments, the Committee recommends that the relevant Cabinet Members for Housing and Planning and senior planning staff prepare a draft proposal to be presented to the November 2016 meeting of full Council on how these issues can be resolved any such developments expedited, in order to provide the necessary mandate for planning officers to which to work. | <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet / Service Director (Planning and Transport)</p> | <p>Cabinet Committee Manager</p> <p>Cabinet Committee Manager</p> |

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| 5. cont'd | 3. That the Committee requests staff in the Planning Department to prepare a briefing note to be provided to the meeting scheduled for Monday 10 October 2016 on the number of new developments built in Milton Keynes, giving a breakdown of those which met the 30% affordable housing criteria, together with the total number, both as a figure and as a percentage of affordable homes completed as at June / July 2016. | Service Director (Planning and Transport) | Head of Development Management |
| 6. | <p>Draft Homelessness (Statutory Need) Strategy</p> <p>1. That the Committee is disappointed at the lack of detail, timescales, SMART objectives, targets or any emphasis on positive outcomes and has little confidence in this being a workable strategy which can deliver solutions to those people statutory need of housing.</p> <p>2. That the Cabinet be requested to withdraw the draft strategy in its present form and working with housing officers, produce a coherent document which addresses the concerns of the Committee, as outlined above, which meets the needs those who are statutorily homeless in Milton Keynes as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>3. That the baseline report by the Housing Quality Network (HQN) on which the strategy is based be circulated to the Committee for information</p> | <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p> | <p>Cabinet Committee Manager</p> <p>Acting Service Director (Housing and Community)</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p> |
| 7. | <p>Task & Finish Group Action Plans</p> <p>That members of the Committee review the Action Plans in their own time and then send any comments they may have to the Chair, Vice-Chairs and Overview and Scrutiny Officer by Friday 2 September 2016 in order to help the Planning Group prepare the Committee's response to the Action Plans.</p> | All | All |

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| 8. | <p>Work Programme</p> <p>That the Scrutiny Management Committee be requested to advise the Committee of how it intends to scrutinise the issue of “Landbanking” by developers and its plans for scrutiny of the Council’s proposed regeneration programme so that the Housing and Community Committee’s Planning Group can either change the status of these items from provisional to definite or remove them completely from the 2016/17 Work Programme.</p> | Scrutiny Management Committee | Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager |
| 9. | <p>Site Visit to Emmaus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Scrutiny Officers be thanked for their notes on the visit to the Emmaus Community on 4 August 2016. 2. That a second visit be arranged for 10 September 2016 and that attendance be confirmed with Cllr Jenkins so that the necessary arrangements can be put in place. 3. That the Chair, Vice-Chairs, Cllr Long and Mr Bramall (Treasurer, Emmaus Carlton) meet to discuss how plans for a possible Emmaus presence in Milton Keynes can be taken forward. | <p>Scrutiny Officers</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllrs C Williams, Wallis, Ganatra, Long & Mr Bramall</p> | <p>--</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins</p> <p>Cllrs C Williams, Wallis, Ganatra, Long & Mr Bramall</p> |
| 10. | <p>Meeting the Needs of Non-Statutory Homeless People</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Committee welcomed the report, which was the first time a Cabinet had produced a positive strategy for dealing with the issues of non-statutory homeless people in Milton Keynes, and accepted the principles and purposes set out in the report. 2. That, despite references to the Council Plan however, the Committee was disappointed to note that there was no firm commitment in the report to adhere to the timescales set out in the Council Plan and requests that the Cabinet includes a timescale for implementation in the final version of the strategy. | <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet</p> | <p>--</p> <p>Housing Services Manager / Housing Policy & Development Officer</p> |

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| | <p>3. That the Committee is concerned about the current lack of an emergency night shelter (formerly provided by the YMCA) and requests that the Cabinet seeks ways of funding the reinstatement of this facility as soon as possible and certainly by no later than the onset of winter 2016, rather than winter 2017 as suggested in the report.</p> <p>4. That once agreed, the Cabinet be asked to expedite the proposals in the report as soon as possible in order to improve the public's perception of the Council's willingness to assist the homeless when in need and to minimise any public health issues caused by not providing sufficient assistance to the homeless.</p> | <p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet</p> | |