



Minutes of the meeting of REGENERATIONMK COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor K Wilson (Chair)
Councillors Ganatra, Long, Walker (Vice-Chair) and C Williams.

Officers: D Sharkey (Corporate Director – Place), M Kelleher (Service Director Housing and Regeneration) and T Milner (Committee Manager).

Also Present: D Gleeson (Managing Director YourMK), K Eames (Head of Regeneration (YourMK)), H Llewelyn-Davies (Non-Executive Director (YourMK Board)), P Leonce (Non-Executive Director (YourMK Board)), 14 Members of the Public (representatives from Tinkers Bridge Residents Association, Fullers Slade Residents Association, Woughton Community Council and the Chair (Milton Keynes Forum)).

Apologies: Councillors R Bradburn (Vice-Chair) and Marland, B Mews (Non-Executive Director (YourMK Board)).

RC11 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee held on 25 July 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

RC12 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor C Williams disclosed a personal interest as the Housing spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats Group and as Chair of the Housing and Community Committee.

Councillor K Wilson disclosed a personal interest as Leader of Woughton Community Council.

RC13 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Chair read out a personal statement in respect of the RegenerationMK Committee that consisted of six main points:

1. 'Regeneration that is supported by local people and which enhances and supports local communities and improves the housing stock and opportunities is welcomed.
2. However, once fully developed and once a preferred option has emerged through consultation and/or ballots, a final

yes/no referendum should take place with all local government electors in the regeneration area entitled to vote and conducted by Milton Keynes Council's Elections department using the same methodology and rules as applies to referendums (e.g. Neighbourhood Plans) including postal voting and polling station(s) open from 7am to 10pm.

3. That YourMK and any Steering Group consider how to involve any recognised resident association and Parish Council covering the area in the discussions considering options and other matters.
4. That YourMK be asked to make available to all interested parties details of the stock condition surveys, the financial analysis underpinning the options and other technical data in a meaningful and fully transparent manner, which whilst falling short of identifying any particular property, fully enables interested parties to understand and potentially challenge the assumptions being made and conclusions being drawn.
5. Although less directly affected, it is recognised that residents living in close proximity to regeneration areas and local businesses and others who work or visit regeneration areas, are and will be impacted by any proposals (e.g. impact on public open space and the viability of local shops), and that their views need to be considered carefully, albeit falling short of affording them a vote in any final referendum.
6. Members of the Regeneration Committee of Milton Keynes Council are not themselves responsible for the regeneration policy, it is recognised that we have a vital role to play as a conduit and as a representative body of Milton Keynes. It is our desire to see and ensure that local communities drive any and all regeneration proposals that emerge.'

The Committee received questions from 5 Members of the Public in respect of Item 5 and Item 6, with written responses being provided by the Head of Regeneration (YourMK), the Managing Director of YourMK and the YourMK Board Non-Executive Directors.

RC14

YOURMK ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The Committee considered YourMK's Engagement Programme from the Head of Regeneration.

The Committee also received an addendum to the main report, covering the regeneration activities and community engagement for Fullers Slade and Serpentine Court.

The Committee heard that the website for YourMK included a variety of information for residents and members of the public, and a regeneration timeline for Fullers Slade. YourMK was committed to working more closely and collaboratively with residents and stakeholders.

It was reported that there were lessons to be learnt by YourMK , which was aware that a number of residents had issues and frustrations with how the Regeneration Programme was being handled, particularly in respect of information provided to the Fullers Slade Residents Association.

The Head of Regeneration reassured the Committee and members of the public present that YourMK was committed to improving the way communications were cascaded, not only by way of updating the YourMK website, but also in the way the organisation connected and engaged with local residents about jobs in the local area, the health and wellbeing of the local communities, roads, transport and any new infrastructure created as part of the Regeneration Programme.

It was also reported that YourMK was working closely with the local schools, whilst also looking to implement new ways of working and engaging with young people in the Milton Keynes areas affected by the Regeneration Programme.

The Committee was reassured to hear that, going forwards, YourMK would look to improve its engagement process, whilst looking to keep Committee members better informed.

The Committee heard from 4 Members of the Public during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Committee Manager be requested to circulate the Fullers Slade Regeneration document to Committee members.
2. That, the Head of Regeneration (YourMK) and Managing Director (YourMK), be requested to provide further details to the Committee in respect of:
 - (a) Committee members being invited to attend the Residents Steering Group for Fullers Slade, Chair and Vice-Chair's monthly meetings, due to commence on 15 November at 6pm;
 - (b) Committee members being invited to meet with the Residents Steering Group for Fullers Slade ahead of an exhibition being hosted by YourMK on 8 December 2017;
 - (c) Committee members being invited to meet with the YourMK Team, architects and members of the Serpentine Court Residents Group, ahead of an exhibition being hosted by YourMK on 18 December 2017; and

- (d) Committee members being involved as part of the North Bradville regeneration engagement process with YourMK during the early part of 2018.

RC15

INTRODUCTION TO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (YOURMK BOARD)

The two Non-Executive Directors introduced themselves to the Committee and provided a brief synopsis of their career history, bringing a huge wealth of expertise to the Regeneration Programme of Milton Keynes. Experiences included working in areas of governance and health and wellbeing, having a wide range of community knowledge and working with the homeless, along with experiences of being involved with various housing and financial organisations in addition to working on the delivery of regeneration programmes. Link to YourMK website – Meet the Team: <https://yourmk.co.uk/about/corporate-information/meet-the-team>

Councillor Wilson, on behalf of the Committee welcomed the introductions of the new Non-Executive Directors, who commenced working for the Council/YourMK in September 2017, and indicated that the Committee was looking forwards to working with the new Non-Executive Directors on the Regeneration Programme for Milton Keynes.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Head of Regeneration (YourMK) be requested to update the YourMK website with the Terms of Reference for the YourMK Board Non-Executive Directors.
2. That the Chair, on behalf of the Committee thanked the two YourMK Board Non-Executive Directors for their oral presentation, input and for attending their first RegenerationMK Committee.

RC16

COMMITTEE VISITS AND WORKSHOPS

The Committee received and oral update from the Corporate Director - Place.

The Committee heard that the proposed walkabout for Committee members to attend the regeneration areas of Fullers Slade and North Bradville was scheduled to take place on 21 November 2017.

Councillor Wilson referred back to his earlier statement that he was supportive of wanting the people of Fullers Slade and residents of Milton Keynes who would be affected by the Regeneration Programme to be part of the engagement process and to be in a position to make the decisions about the areas they lived in. Additionally, he commented that any profits made by the Meers Group would be re-invested back into YourMK for the ongoing repair and maintenance works for properties in Milton Keynes.

The Corporate Director – Place reassured Councillor C Williams that the document provided on Fullers Slade Regeneration was not provided solely for the Committee, but had been produced by YourMK for members of the public who attended an exhibition and information session earlier in November 2017 about Fullers Slade. The Committee and Councillor C Williams were reminded that future briefing dates and workshops to be held over the coming months had been organised by YourMK, and was covered on the agenda as part of Item 5 ‘YourMK Engagement Programme’.

The Committee heard from 4 Members of the Public during consideration of the item, including a statement from the Chair of Milton Keynes Forum.

RESOLVED -

That the YourMK Board Non-Executive Directors and the Managing Director (YourMK) be requested to provide a written response in respect of a statement from the Chair of Milton Keynes Forum concerning the survey and information provided at the public consultation on Fullers Slade.

RC17

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED -

It was noted that the next meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee would be held on 13 February 2018.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.40 PM