

Minutes of the meeting of the CABINET held on TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Marland (Chair).  
Councillors Gowans, Legg, Long, Nolan, Middleton, O'Neill and Priestley.

**Officers:** M Bracey (Chief Executive), V Collins (Director Adult Services), T Darke (Director Growth, Economy and Culture), S Gonsalves (Director Policy, Insight and Communications), M Heath (Director Children's Services), S Proffitt (Director Environment and Property), P Cummins (Acting Director [Law and Governance]), N Sainsbury (Head of Placemaking), D Taylor-Bond (Head of Highways), M Smith (Strategic Finance Business Partner [Housing and GEC]), J Agar (Taxi Licensing Manager), D Blandamer (Senior Urban Designer), M Moore (Senior Planning Officer) and S Muir (Committee Manager).

**Also Present:** Councillors Bint, R Bradburn, Crooks, Darlington, Hosking, Jenkins, Miles and C Wilson and 12 members of the public.

**C146 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Cabinet received an announcement from Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) relating to the Council's contract for Housing Repairs and Maintenance and indicated that the matter was being considered on the same evening by the Council's Audit Committee.

Councillor Marland stated that it was his belief that a claim in connection with this matter that there was £15m unaccounted for had no foundation.

**C147 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED -**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 February 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**C148 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

With reference to Item 11 (Making the West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan), Councillors Legg and Long indicated that they were members of West Bletchley Council.

C149

**PETITION – 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT PENN ROAD AND BRICK FIELD, FENNY STRATFORD**

The Cabinet received a petition presented by Councillor Darlington on behalf of circa 200 local residents requesting that the Council introduced a 20mph speed limit and other traffic calming measures at Penn Road and Brick Field, Fenny Stratford and Councillor Darlington summarised the frustrations of local residents at the amount of traffic and the speed of traffic on these roads.

Councillor Gowans thanked Councillor Darlington for bringing this matter to his attention and indicated that groups of residents, and town and parish councils could now apply for 20mph speed limits in their area using the new procedure on the Council's website at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/road-safety/introduction-of-20-mph-speed-limits-into-residential-areas>. Councillor Gowans outlines that the new procedure had been included in the previous week's edition of the Councillors News and that this met a commitment in the Council Plan for 2016 – 2020.

With reference to other traffic calming measures, Councillor Gowans indicated that the Councils Highways officer colleagues would be asked to investigate possible solutions.

RESOLVED -

That the Petition and response be noted.

C150

**PETITION REQUESTING A SCHOOL CROSSING AT HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HANSLOPE**

The Cabinet received a petition presented by Parish Councillor Palmer (Chair of Hanslope Parish Council) and Ms S Payne on behalf of residents in Hanslope that requested that the school crossing patrol be kept at Hanslope Primary School.

Parish Councillor Palmer and Ms S Payne summarised the concerns of local residents about the volume and speed of traffic and impatient drivers that passed through Hanslope using Long Street Road particularly as parents and residents were currently being consulted about further expansion of the school from September 2021, which it was anticipated would exacerbate the issue.

Councillor Gowans thanked Parish Councillor Palmer and Ms S Payne for bringing this matter to his attention and indicated that safety outside schools was of high importance and he would ask Highways officers to investigate possible solutions.

RESOLVED -

That the Petition and response be noted.

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- (a) Question from Mr J Lancaster to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Mr Lancaster stated, with reference to Unauthorised Encampments, that in a recent press release, Councillor Marland had stated that the Council was weeks away from seeking a Court injunction to prevent repeated unauthorised encampments on Pendeen Crescent. Mr Lancaster also presented to Councillor Marland the results of a survey completed by 245 residents, which he stated contained information that the Council might find valuable for the evidential base, and asked Councillor Marland if he could confirm that the injunction was going ahead and what the latest timetable the Council had for submission was, assuming it was going ahead.

Councillor Marland thanked Mr Lancaster for his question and accepted the survey details from him.

Councillor Marland stated that the Council could consider seeking a Court Injunction if it reached the evidential threshold, which the survey information Mr Lancaster had provided, would contribute to.

Councillor Marland also indicated it would be improper to provide any details of a possible Court Injunction as the disclosure might undermine any legal process.

- (b) Question from Mr Eamon Bobey to Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration)

Mr Bobey asked with reference to Buckland Lodge Sheltered Housing Scheme in Netherfield, if the Council was enticing vulnerable residents of Buckland Lodge to move out of their homes by offering them financial compensation when a decision was made by the Cabinet to close Buckland Lodge Sheltered Housing Scheme.

Councillor Long thanked Mr Bobey for his question and indicated that that he had held an informal meeting with the vulnerable residents and their carers, which included family members, at Buckland Lodge to advise them of the results from the technical surveys of 2004 which had indicated that there was subsidence in the building's foundations. The informal meeting, which was in the form of a coffee morning, was arranged to set out to residents and their carers, the range of options that the Council could take to address the subsidence, how these options could affect the residents and the circumstances that would apply to any subsequent payments.

Councillor Long also confirmed that no decision would be taken to decommission Buckland Lodge or decide about the options for its future until a formal consultation with residents was carried out later this year.

Mr Bobey, as a supplementary question asked Councillor Long to confirm that if the residents moved out of Buckland Lodge Sheltered Housing Scheme in Netherfield now, that this would not influence the future of Buckland Lodge.

Councillor Long indicated that was the case.

- (c) Question from Mrs Jeanette Bobey to Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration)

Mrs Jeanette Bobey stated with reference to Buckland Lodge Sheltered Housing Scheme in Netherfield, that the Cabinet Decision on 8 January 2019 (Minute C132 refers) withdrew Buckland Lodge from the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and undertook to carry out a consultation with residents. Mrs Bobey also stated that on 27 February 2019, Councillor Long and Council officers undertook a consultation meeting with residents at Buckland Lodge without Cabinet approval to undertake any consultation. Mrs Jeanette Bobey asked why the consultation meeting had taken place.

Councillor Long thanked Mrs Bobey for her question and referred to his response to the question from Mr Bobey that the meeting on 27 February 2019 was an informal coffee morning to engage with residents and their carers, that also included family members, to set out the options for them. The coffee morning format was very successful and it was not a formal consultation.

Councillor Long also stated that a Delegated Decision would be brought later this year to start the consultation.

Mrs Bobey as supplementary question asked Councillor Long why the residents were handed 3 pages of questions and answers and their comments written down if the meeting on 27 February 2019 was not a consultation meeting.

Councillor Long stated that a "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)" sheet was distributed to the residents and their carers for their information and any questions from residents at the time, were noted.

Councillor Long also indicated that when the consultation was carried out, residents, parish and town councils and Residents Associations would be included.

- (d) Question from Elina Apse to Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration)

Elina Apse referring to an email she had received from Councillor Long, in which he had indicated that popularity in

Milton Keynes for sheltered housing was falling as there were many sheltered housing schemes across the borough and that were proving hard to let and there was no demand for flats in Buckland Lodge, asked Councillor Long why the three flats available at Buckland House had not been let by the Council despite Mrs J Bobey having undertaken a mystery shopping exercise clarifying there were at least two people who would be eligible for sheltered housing but had been told there were no properties available at Buckland Lodge.

Councillor Long thanked Elina Apse for her question and indicated that it was true that across the borough it had been difficult to fill sheltered housing schemes, however due to subsidence issues at Buckland Lodge it would not be appropriate to consider letting properties there until this had been resolved.

**C152**

**COUNCILLOR'S ITEM RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS MARKLEW AND C WILSON - TRAFFIC SPEEDS IN THE WESTERN EXPANSION AREA**

The Cabinet considered an item submitted by Councillors Marklew and C Wilson with reference to traffic speeds in the Western Expansion Area.

Councillor C Wilson introduced the item and summarised the issues of concern to the residents particularly with reference to traffic speeds in the new areas of Fairfields and Whitehouse which had grown significantly in the past few years.

Councillor Gowans, the responsible Cabinet member, thanked Councillors Marklew and C Wilson for bringing the matter to his attention and clarified that there were still some existing planning permissions in Fairfields and Whitehouse, therefore some areas had not yet been adopted by the Council and were not under the Council's control.

Councillor Gowans indicated that officer colleagues would investigate additional traffic calming methods that could be used in these new estates and that they would take account of lessons learnt from the deployment of additional traffic calming measures in the Eastern Expansion Area.

Councillor Gowans also referred to the procedures for requesting a 20mph speed limit had now been published on the Council's website already indicated earlier.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Bint and Crooks.

**RESOLVED -**

That officer colleagues be requested to investigate additional traffic calming measures and refer to the lessons learnt from other areas.

**C153**

**COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Question from Councillor R Bradburn to Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation).

Councillor R Bradburn asked Councillor Middleton, with reference to scrutiny of LGSS by the LGSS Joint Scrutiny Working Group in February 2019, if a Scrutiny meeting could be arranged in Milton Keynes for March 2019 to consider the issues raised.

Councillor Middleton indicated that he supported Councillor R Bradburn's request for the LGSS Scrutiny Working group meeting following the recent LGSS Joint Committee, and would ask officer colleagues to arrange this.

- (b) Question from Councillor Bint to Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm).

Councillor Bint (Chair of Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee) asked Councillor Gowans, with reference to Item 12 on the agenda, the Highways Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement Programme 2019/20 – 2021/22, that the comments received to the Draft Programme be made available as they were not included in the report.

Councillor Gowans indicated that a written response would be supplied.

- (c) Question from Councillor Bint to Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm).

Councillor Bint (Chair of Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee) stated, with reference the Speed Reduction Plan at Item 13 of the agenda, that he was disappointed that the Speed Reduction Plan had not been referred to the Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee for consideration as part of the engagement with Ward Councillors and asked Councillor Gowans why this had not happened.

Councillor Gowans indicated that a written response would be supplied.

**C154**

**PETITION - PARKING ON PAVEMENTS IN OLNEY: REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL: M23 JANUARY 2019**

The Cabinet considered the objectives of the Petition that had been referred from the Council meeting of 23 January 2019 with reference to parking issues on pavements in Olney, which was introduced by Councillor Hosking.

Councillor Hosking summarised the issues that had led to the petition being submitted and requested that regular parking enforcement be carried out along with other parking restrictions being investigated to stop parking on pavements in Olney.

Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm) thanked Councillor Hosking and the petitioners in Olney for bringing the matter to his attention and explaining the problems experienced by disabled people and their carers due to inconsiderate parking in Olney. He added that those with push-chairs would be similarly affected.

Councillor Gowans clarified that Milton Keynes Council only had powers to enforce parking restrictions that were backed up by a Traffic Regulation Order. In the absence of an Order, the Council was not empowered to issue a penalty for parking, although the Police had powers as the offence of obstruction remained a criminal offence. Therefore, at the moment, parking on dropped kerbs and the pavement could only be enforced by the Police.

Councillor Gowans indicated that Olney had regular parking enforcement, although at the moment this was mostly for time-restricted limited waiting spaces on the High Street, as these were the restrictions the Council could currently enforce.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that officer colleagues from the Parking team would meet with the residents to discuss the issues and to identify possible solutions.

**RESOLVED -**

That the referral and the response be noted.

**C155**

**MAKING MILTON KEYNES THE GREENEST CITY IN THE WORLD: REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL: 23 JANUARY 2019**

The Cabinet considered the referral from the Council meeting held on 23 January 2019 with reference to "Making Milton Keynes the Greenest City in the World" that was presented by Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council).

Councillor Marland indicated that the item had been considered by the Council along with the adoption of the MK Sustainability Strategy 2019/2050.

Councillor Marland also indicated that to ensure that resources were in place locally to meet the ambitious targets set in the Milton Keynes Sustainability Strategy 2019/2050, an officer post to work on the Action plan to increase recycling rates, and the identification of implementable actions and investigation of Government funding initiatives would be investigated. Reports would also be made to the Council annually on the progress being made in this area.

Councillor Marland also indicated that there were many areas within the Council where the targets in the Sustainability Strategy could be achieved, such as by providing for energy efficient new homes in the Council's Affordable Housing Strategy. New developments such as that being proposed at Tickford Farm could be used as a showcase project to demonstrate the Council's commitment, although there would need to be a balance between energy efficiency and the cost of affordable homes.

The Cabinet also heard from a member of the public during consideration of the matter.

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the response be noted.

**C156**

**PROVISION OF RECYCLING BAGS: REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL: 23 JANUARY 2019**

The Cabinet considered the referral from the Council meeting held on 23 January 2019 with reference to Provision of Recycling Bags which was introduced by Councillor Jenkins on behalf of Councillor Walker.

Councillor Jenkins summarised the issues that residents were experiencing and requested that the Cabinet analysed which measures, or suitable alternative measures, for the provision of Recycling Bags would have the greatest impact to improve performance and implement these as soon as possible. Councillor Jenkins suggested that should performance not be improved, then the changes should be reversed so that recycling bags were provided in public buildings and there were regular deliveries to homes.

Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm) thanked Councillors Jenkins and Walker and referred to his written response that had been circulated which provided a detailed Alternative Measure Analysis of the Recycling Sack Delivery System.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that the restriction which prevented more than one delivery within 6 weeks had been temporarily suspended and the delivery of orders within the five working day turnaround target would be closely monitored.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that key performance indicators were being introduced to measure the number of requests which were not fulfilled within the 5 Working Days target.

Councillor Gowans stated the number of complaints received about the non-delivery of recycling sacks had declined and that he continued to monitor this issue with officer colleagues on a regular basis.

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the response be noted.

**C157**

**REFERRAL FROM COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 30 JANUARY 2019**

The Cabinet considered the referrals from the Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 30 January 2019 with reference to Provision of Housing for Young People (under 35) in Milton Keynes, Dealing with Rogue Landlords and Progress on Support for Rough Sleepers and Homeless Persons in Milton Keynes.



Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration), with regard to support for young people clarified that following the withdrawal of funding from the Council's 2016/17 Budget to the YMCA MK to support young people in housing need, it had been necessary for the YMCA MK to seek alternative funding.

Councillor Long indicated that he would meet with the Chief Executive Officer of YMCA MK to discuss the funding issue further.

Councillor Long also indicated that he would write, on behalf of the Council, to the Government, requesting that it initiated the work necessary to bring the licensing of, and planning permission for, Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) together into one, streamlined process.

Councillor Long further indicated that he continued to support the work done by the Homelessness Partnership and the Winter Night Shelter and their future plans to look for larger premises from which to deliver this service in the future and the delivery of the one-stop shop facilities for the homeless.

Councillor Marland (Leader the Council), with reference to the request that the new Head of Planning / Chief Planner, once in post, to continue as a full member of the Milton Keynes Homelessness Partnership, indicated that the previous appointment had not been a Council appointment and therefore discussions with the Homelessness Partnership would be required to address this.

**RESOLVED:**

That the referral and the response be noted.

**C158**

#### **ADOPTION OF PLAN:MK**

The Cabinet considered recommending to Council the adoption of Plan:MK.

Councillor Legg (the Cabinet member for Customer Services) reported that the Planning Inspector's Report on the examination of Plan:MK (The Plan) had found the Plan to be 'sound' and legally capable of being adopted. The Plan could therefore be adopted by the Council as part of the formal 'Development Plan' for the Borough and thus be afforded full weight in the determination of planning applications and appeals.

It was also reported that adoption of the Plan would mean that the Council had demonstrated it had a five year supply of deliverable housing sites which would enable the Council to resist speculative planning applications in the open countryside. However, the protection afforded by adopting the Plan would only apply until 31 October 2019. After that date, the Council would be required to demonstrate it had a five year supply of housing land, if it was to continue to resist speculative planning applications.

Councillor Legg clarified that the Inspector's finding that the Plan was 'sound' and legally compliant was subject to the inclusion of the

proposed main modifications. The effect of these modifications was to increase the number of sites allocated in the Plan and the supply of housing land within Milton Keynes. The Council was not able to adopt the Plan without incorporating these modifications.

Councillor Legg also endorsed the Planning Inspector's comments commending his predecessor, Councillor E Gifford, and the Council's officers for their professionalism and courtesy during the process.

Councillor Legg also suggested that the Director Growth, Economy and Culture be delegated authority to make minor cartographical and typographical corrections to Plan:MK prior to its publication.

Councillors Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that the time to promote specific sites and make any changes had now passed; to make any amendments would require that Plan:MK went back to the consultations stages and then be re-submitted to the Planning Inspector.

Councillor Marland also indicated that Plan:MK was required to be adopted as it was anticipated this would provide for certainty and protection against speculative developments

In response to Councillor Jenkins, who drew the Cabinet's attention to the South East Area of Milton Keynes and that the future East West Rail link had been included after the first round of consultation meaning that residents had not had an opportunity to comment, Councillor Legg indicated that the East West Rail Link had not been considered by the Planning Inspector as a valid site.

The Cabinet also heard from two members of the public during consideration of the item.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Council be recommended to adopt the Plan:MK.
2. That the Director Growth, Economy and Culture be delegated authority to make minor cartographical and typographical corrections to Plan:MK prior to its publication.

**C159**

**MAKING THE WEST BLETCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Cabinet considered recommending that the Council make the West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Legg (the Cabinet member for Customer Services) reported that Cabinet's agreement to recommend to Council that it made (brought into legal force) the West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan, was being sought, following the successful referendum held on 14 February 2019.

Councillor Legg indicated that at the referendum held on 14 February 2019, the West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan was overwhelmingly in support. In total, 2,032 people voted 'Yes' and 343 'No' with a turnout of 13.35%.

Councillor Legg also indicated that if the Council adopted the Neighbourhood Plan it would come into force as part of the statutory development plan.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That Cabinet recommends to Council that it makes the West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and that:
  - (a) decision document setting out the results of the referendum and the Council's decision to make the plan, and the West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan be published on the Council's website and by other means, to bring them to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area; and
  - (b) the decision document and details on how to view the plan be sent to the qualifying body (West Bletchley Council) and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.
2. That West Bletchley Council be congratulated on the successful outcome of the referendum.

**C160**

**HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2019/20 TO 2021/22**

The Cabinet considered approving the Highways Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement Programme 2019/20 - 2021/22.

Councillor Gowans (the Cabinet member for Public Realm) reported that the Council Plan 2016-20 recognised the importance of the road network in Milton Keynes to support the quality of life for citizens and the efficiency and productivity of businesses. In line with the Highways Asset Management Plan approved by the Council in October 2018, a three year highways infrastructure maintenance and improvement works programme for 2019/20 - 2021/22 had been developed.

It was also reported that the schemes included in the programme had been assessed on a needs based priority and in accordance with national guidance as identified in the "Well managed Infrastructure" Code of Practice 2016. A draft programme was issued on 20 December 2018 to Councillors, to give an opportunity for views and feedback.

Councillor Gowans drew attention to the additional £50k allocated in the 2019/20 budget for Street Name Plates and that the Head of Highways was authorised to progress the programme.

It was further reported that the Highways Service had held a briefing session for councillors on 21 January 2019 which had provided

opportunity for Councillors to have a more detailed discussion of the draft Programme with officers.

Councillor Gowans indicated that developing a three-year programme provided a basis for forward financial planning and ensured the Council operated best practice to attract maximum future funding from Central Government. It also helped to provide transparency that the Council was making the best use of resources and maximised opportunities to co-ordinate works with others to help minimise disruption on the highways network.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that the programme was 'work in progress' and further consultation would be carried out, to include parish and town councils in the Autumn, and also that the annual programme of schemes for Accessibility works, 20mph Schemes and Traffic Engineering Schemes would be subject to further Delegated Decisions.

With reference to the design of the Bletchley Traffic Management Scheme, Councillor Gowans indicated that this had met resistance from stakeholders and that a Ward steering group would be established, comprising the Ward councillors, representatives of Bletchley Town Council and local Residents Associations to agree the design to ensure it had full community support.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that it was intended to delegate authority to the Head of Highways' in consultation with the Cabinet member for Highways to adjust the Highways Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement Programme to take account of budgetary pressures and any changes in priority arising from emergencies, technical considerations; and operational matters, to update the programme on an annual basis and publish the programme on the Council's website to ensure that a three year future programme of Highway works was available at all times

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bint and two members of the public during consideration of the item.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Highway Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement programme for the three year period 2019/2020 to 2021/22 be approved and communicated to the public via all communication channels.
2. That authority be delegated to the Head of Highways, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Public Realm, to adjust the Highways Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement Programme to take account of budgetary pressures and any changes in priority arising from emergencies, technical considerations and operational matters.

3. That where changes to the approved programme are made, the changes be communicated to the local ward councillors and parish councils in the areas affected.
4. That authority be delegated to the Head of Highways, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Public Realm, to update the programme on an annual basis and publish the programme on the Council's website to ensure that a three year future programme of Highway works was available at all times.
5. That the annual programme of schemes for Accessibility works, 20mph Schemes and Traffic Engineering Schemes be subject to further Delegated Decisions.
6. That the additional £50k allocated in the 2019/20 budget for Street Name Plates be noted and the Head of Highways authorised to progress the programme.
7. That it be noted that the design of the Bletchley Traffic Management Scheme had met resistance from stakeholders and that a Ward steering group would be established, comprising the Ward councillors, representatives of Bletchley Town Council and local Residents Associations to agree the design to ensure it had full community support.

**C161**

### **SPEED REDUCTION PLAN**

The Cabinet considered approving the Speed Reduction Plan.

Councillor Gowans (the Cabinet member for Public Realm) reported that to deliver a Speed Reduction Plan for Milton Keynes a package of measures was required to be implemented by the Council, partners and communities, to effectively manage and reduce the speed of vehicles to improve safety, wellbeing and health and to contribute towards quality of life and sustainability for all Milton Keynes residents, visitors and businesses.

Councillor Gowans indicated that traffic speeds and perception of speed within some communities throughout Milton Keynes remained an issue. It could have a negative impact on quality of life and feelings of safety and remained as an area of concern for Milton Keynes Council, Thames Valley Police and key strategic partners across the authority area and residents.

With reference to comments about there not being enough emphasis on environmental impacts from reducing vehicle speeds, Councillor Gowans indicated that the emphasis was primarily about effectively managing and reducing the speed of vehicles to improve safety and wellbeing for residents. If 20mph speed limits were introduced in new areas, these would be at the request of the local community and subject to a Delegated Decision and would not be imposed by the Council, which he understood had happened in other Local Authorities.

The Cabinet heard from Councillor Crooks who indicated his broad support for the initiative and asked that previous experience from Manchester, which had tried to introduce 20mph zones, be investigated.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bint and one member of the public during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED:

That the implementation of the Milton Keynes Speed Reduction Plan be approved, including community measures to be delivered by the Council, working with Parish Councils, communities and partners.

**C162**

**ADOPTION OF A REVISED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE (TAXI) POLICY**

The Cabinet considered adopting a revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Policy.

Councillor Legg (Cabinet member for Customer Services) reported that the revised Taxi Licensing Policy enabled better clarity as to the functions of the Council in respect of Taxi Licensing.

Councillor Legg indicated that the Council's guidelines on Taxi Licensing had now been split into two documents: The Taxi Licensing Policy (which fell within the jurisdiction of Cabinet) and the Taxi Licensing Conditions and Procedures (which fell within the jurisdiction of the Regulatory Committee). Councillor Legg thanked Councillor Morris, the Chair of the Regulatory Committee, for her work on this matter.

Councillor Legg also indicated that there was one material change proposed to the Policy. Currently, if an applicant had a foreign criminal record and they had lived in another Country in the last 20 years, the applicant must declare details of the convictions. It was proposed to reduce this in line with Home Office requirements for obtaining work permits and the Government recruitment standards for Police Officers and Nurses.

The Cabinet heard from Councillor Nolan (Cabinet member for Children and Families) who welcomed the policy and highlighted that there were still areas of concern that needed to be clarified about the carrying of assistance dogs in Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles.

Councillor Nolan also indicated that she was pleased that issues around Child Sexual Exploitation and Safeguarding were being addressed in the policy.

RESOLVED -

That the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Policy be adopted.

**C163**

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19  
PROGRESS REPORT**

The Cabinet considered progress on implementing the Council Business Plan 2018/19 Progress Report.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) reported that the revised Council Plan 2016/20 was adopted by Council on 20 June 2018 (Minute C23 refers). The Business Plan, which formed part of the revised Council Plan set out actions for a one year period. The Business Plan had been agreed by Cabinet on 10 July 2018 (Minute C73 refers).

It was also reported that the Business Plan was a comprehensive overview of key milestones and targets to deliver the commitments that reflected the Council Plan priorities.

Councillor Marland indicated that the Business Plan summarised the delivery of a number of objectives in the last four years and highlighted examples of these.

RESOLVED -

That the progress on the implementation of the Council Business Plan be noted.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 20.02 PM

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