

COUNCIL DECISIONS / ACTIONS – 21 MARCH 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b)	<p>Minutes</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 February 2018 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.</p>	-	-
1(c)	<p>Disclosure of Interests</p> <p>Councillor I McCall disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 5(b)(iii) (Bletchley Park Institute of Digital Technology), as an employee of Milton Keynes College, which was mentioned in the motion.</p> <p>Councillor D McCall disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 5(b)(iii) (Bletchley Park Institute of Digital Technology), as the spouse of Councillor I McCall who was an employee of Milton Keynes College, which was mentioned in the motion.</p>	-	-
2(a)	<p>Petition – Eaton Mill Nursery</p> <p>That the petition relating to funding for Eaton Mill Nursery be referred to the Cabinet for consideration.</p>	Cabinet	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
2(b)	<p>Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>Five questions received.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs Bobey to be supplied with the answers to their questions provided by Councillors Long and Legg.</p> <p>Councillor Marland gave an undertaking to Mr D Lee (Tinkers Bridge Residents Association) that ways of supporting Residents' and Tenants' Associations which did not receive financial support from the Housing Revenue Account, would be investigated.</p>	-	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager Service Director (Housing and Regeneration)

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4(a)	<p>Pay Policy Statement – Financial year 2018/19</p> <p>That the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 be agreed.</p>	-	Head of Human Resources
4(b)(i)	<p>Milton Keynes Mobility Strategy 2018/2036</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Mobility Strategy (LTP4) 2018/2036 be approved. 2. That an action plan for the next 3 years detailing progress be brought back to the Cabinet by September 2018. 3. That it be noted that the references to “First and Last Mile Strategy” are to an emerging and changing set of ideas, and that any future policy or financial commitment will be subject to the proper further decision making and consultation processes of this Council. 4. That the Head of Transport be asked to develop a Statement of Engagement. 	- - - -	Head of Transport
4(b)(ii)	<p>Central Area Growth Board Membership</p> <p>That within the context of the National Infrastructure Commission and Government’s work on the Cambridge - Milton Keynes - Oxford corridor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Council becomes a full member of the Central Area Growth Board, adopting the Terms of Reference; (b) the Council commits to an associated contribution of £5k of ongoing revenue to support the work of the Growth Board; and (c) the Council acts as the Accountable Body for the Growth Board. 	- - -	Acting Director of Policy, Insight and Communications

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4(c)	<p>Annual Reports of Committees</p> <p>The Council received the Annual Scrutiny Report from the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee, together with reports from the Chairs of the Executive Scrutiny, Licensing and Regulatory Committees.</p>	-	-
5(a)	<p>Councillors' Questions</p> <p>(a) In response to question from Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Gowns gave an undertaking to investigate the possibility of declassifying Buckingham Road, Bletchley.</p> <p>(b) In response to a question from Councillor Ferran's, Councillor Nolan agreed to supply details of school holiday provision available for children.</p> <p>(c) In response to a question from Councillor Ferran's, Councillor Gowns to liaise with officer colleagues to ensure that the Council's Web-Site is as clear as it can be with regard to making a claim for pot hole damage to vehicles.</p>	- -	<p>Head of Highways</p> <p>Service Director (Children's Services)</p> <p>Service Director (Legal and Democratic Services)</p>
5(b)(i)	<p>Winter Weather</p> <p>That this Council:</p> <p>(a) thanks the staff and contractors of the Council who went above and beyond the call of duty working round the clock to keep the city moving and the vulnerable safe in the recent wintry weather;</p> <p>(b) acknowledges that this was a multifaceted response with many unseen people working in ways that many would not identify to make sure that the Council's response was complete, these included volunteer drivers of 4x4 vehicles helping to get trained staff to those in need and meals to many who needed them;</p>	- -	

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5(b)(i) (cont)	<p>Winter Weather (cont)</p> <p>(c) understands that while Milton Keynes was not as bad as many parts of the country with the adverse weather it received, it was the worst seen for a number of years;</p> <p>(d) remembers that there have been a number of changes to the way that winter preparedness is undertaken in the past few years;</p> <p>(e) requests Cabinet to ensure that:</p> <p>(i) a comprehensive review of the response to winter weather is undertaken which looks to highlight those things that have worked well and ensure that these remain the case in future years, but which also highlights the things that could be improved and asks that recommendations come forward about how these things could be improved in the future;</p> <p>(ii) the review is overarching covering all facets of the response to the people of Milton Keynes, not necessarily just the Council, and it is undertaken by someone with seniority and knowledge of all areas, in time for the appropriate scrutiny committee to consider the report in time to influence the budget build process for 2019/20;</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>

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5(b)(i)(cont)	<p>Winter Weather (cont)</p> <p>(f) further acknowledges that the ramifications of the cold weather lasts after the temperature lifts and therefore recognises and supports the immediate extra £200,000 earmarked by Cabinet at its March meeting to more than double pothole repairs to the roads and Redways of Milton Keynes by investing in new and innovative technology, and welcomes the implementation of the Council Plan commitment to fix more pothole clusters, which will further improve highways and Redways; and</p> <p>(g) requests the Cabinet member with responsibility for Public Realm services to produce, at the earliest opportunity, a report about the state of the highway network and provide regular updates on progress in repairing it.</p>	Cabinet member for Public Realm	Head of Highways
5(b)(ii)	<p>Housing Supply</p> <p>That the Council:</p> <p>(a) takes note of the Prime Minister's Housing statement on Monday 5 March;</p> <p>(b) , aware of the number of unbuilt houses with planning permission that are such an issue in Milton Keynes, supports the proposal to relate future planning permissions to developer build out rates;</p> <p>(c) regrets the failure to enact the promise in the Autumn budget to allow councils to double the Council Tax liability on empty properties, and believes that this should be trebled;</p>	-	

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5(b)(ii) (cont)	<p>Housing Supply (cont)</p> <p>(d) laments the continuing failure, deplored by all political parties on the Local Government Association, to lift the borrowing cap on local councils which would allow Milton Keynes Council once again to build affordable houses for rent; and</p> <p>(e) instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Borough's MPs, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with the content of this motion.</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
5(b)(iii)	<p>Bletchley Park Institute of Digital Technology</p> <p>That the Council:</p> <p>(a) recognises the rich legacy and heritage left by the wartime code-breaking operations at Bletchley Park;</p> <p>(b) recognises the need for a new generation of digital skills in areas such as cyber security which will contribute to the Learning 2050 project from the MK Futures Commission;</p> <p>(c) welcomes the proposal led by MK College to restore Block D of Bletchley Park for use as an Institute of Digital Technology, covering technical qualifications, apprenticeships and training to anticipate and address this demand;</p> <p>(d) welcomes the partnership working involved in this proposal between MK College, Bletchley Park Trust, Microsoft, City & Guilds and local employers;</p>	-	

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5(b)(iii) (cont)	<p>Bletchley Park Institute of Digital Technology (cont)</p> <p>(e) notes that this project is dependent on a successful bid to the Government's Institutes of Technology fund, aiming to create a pipeline of highly technically skilled young people, and that the bid was submitted on 1 March; and</p> <p>(f) asks the Group Leaders to write to the Department of Education to make the cross-party political support for this bid clear, in addition to the statement of support from the Council, attached to the bid document.</p>		Group Leaders
6.	<p>Returning Officer's Fees</p> <p>That the schedule of fees and disbursements for acting as Returning Officer for Borough and Parish Elections and Neighbourhood Plan Referendums for 2017/18 be agreed.</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
7.	<p>Ward Based Budgets 2017/18</p> <p>The Council noted that for the period 1 April 2017 to 28 February 2018, applications totalling £48,566 had been approved.</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
8.	<p>Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions</p> <p>In accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.4, the Council noted that the Provisions for Special Urgency, as set out in Access to Information Procedure Rule 16, and Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(j) were used once during the period 1 January 2018 to 10 March 2018, when the call-in provisions were waived in respect of the decision taken by the Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation on 22 February 2018 in respect of the Residual Waste Treatment Facility – Deed of Variation, due to the urgent need for a decision because of the likely prejudice to the Council's interest if implementation of the decision was to be delayed</p>		Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager