



Minutes of the meeting of the CABINET held on TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 6.30 pm

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

Officers: M Bracey (Acting Chief Executive), D Sharkey (Corporate Director Place), P Simpson (Corporate Director Resources), M Heath (Acting Director of Children's Services), T Blackburne-Maze (Service Director [Public Realm]), T Darke (Service Director [Growth, Economy and Culture]), P Cummins (Head of Legal Services), S Evans (Infrastructure Policy and Programme Manager) and S Muir (Committee Manager).

Also Present: Councillors Bint, R Bradburn, Brown, Crooks, Ferrans, Gilbert, D Hopkins, Jenkins, Morla and Walker and circa 40 members of the public.

C75 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 July 2018, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

C76 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None were received.

C77 COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS

- (a) St Leger Drive Road Safety - Item submitted by Councillor Walker

The Cabinet considered an item submitted by Councillor Walker that asked for an update to be provided following the petition on St Leger Drive Road Safety that was presented to Full Council and consequently Cabinet last year (Minute C76 of 7 November 2017 refers) and requested details of the actions which had been taken by the Cabinet member and/or officers since the petition was presented., the evidence the officer colleagues had collated to back up any decision that had been taken and any proposals that had or were, being considered.

Councillor Walker indicated that to date, the Parish Council and residents were disappointed with the lack of progress from officer colleagues and that the parish council had expressed an interest to the Council's Community Infrastructure fund for proposal to install a pedestrian crossing in St Ledger Drive.

Councillor Gowans, the Cabinet member for Public Real, thanked Councillor Walker for the item indicated that the officer colleagues were engaging with the Parish Council and a meeting was scheduled for 17 September 2018 to discuss the proposals further.

RESOLVED -

1. That the update be noted.
2. That it be noted that a meeting with the Parish Councillors, Councillor Gowans and Officer Colleagues had been scheduled for 17 September 2018.

(b) Period Poverty - Item submitted by Councillor D Hopkins

The Cabinet considered an item submitted by Councillor D Hopkins that asked the Cabinet to work with the local charity Girl Pack and other suitable charities and community organisations, to prepare a scheme to provide free access to sanitary products to students in Milton Keynes schools to support equality, dignity and rights for those who menstruate and to ensure that lack of access to products did not impact on the individual's ability to attend school.

Councillor D Hopkins stated that over a woman's lifetime sanitary products cost more than £5000, with women spending around £13 every month. Many young women, including those menstruating for the first time, were unable to access or afford sanitary products. This could have a major impact on women's and girls' physical and mental wellbeing and confidence. It was widely reported that girls and young women were missing their education, thereby reducing their life chances as a result of this.

Councillor D Hopkins also stated that some women face period poverty, as they had to choose between food and sanitary products and should the Cabinet agree to support the charity that it would be another "first" for the Council as it would be the first Council in England to do this.

Councillor D Hopkins also indicated that the aim of the charity was to make the packs freely available in all Council run facilities including libraries and community centres, in addition to schools.

The Cabinet also heard from the charity organisers who detailed why the charity was set up, how it had grown to

distribute 150 packs per month, how they were distributed to school students and the items that were included in each pack.

Councillor O'Neill, the Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing, related the experiences of many girls and women who struggled to afford adequate sanitary protection and indicated her full support for the charity.

Councillor O'Neill also undertook to meet with representatives of Girl Pack, along with Councillor D Hopkins and Councillor Nolan (the Cabinet member for Children and Families) to discuss how Girl Pack's initiative could be taken forward and to identify funding to provide free sanitary products for girls in secondary schools in Milton Keynes be noted.

The Cabinet also heard from representatives of Girl Pack who explained why the Charity had been set up, how the initiative worked, the number of packs and the contents that were currently distributed in schools.

In response to a question from Councillor Marland about using reusable sanitary items, they indicated that these were not currently popular with girls.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor O'Neill's undertaking to meet with representatives of Girl Pack, along with Councillor D Hopkins and Councillor Nolan (the Cabinet member for Children and Families) to discuss how Girl Pack's initiative could be taken forward and to make every effort to identify funding to provide free sanitary products for girls in secondary schools in Milton Keynes be noted.

(c) Parking in Caldecotte - Item submitted by Councillor D Hopkins

The Cabinet considered an item submitted by Councillor D Hopkins that asked the Cabinet review parking provision in Caldecotte and explained that:

- Caldecotte was somewhat unique in Milton Keynes in that a business area and residential area are located side by side rather than being separated by, at the very minimum, a grid road.
- Parking provision in the industrial area was inadequate and has, for many years, resulted in employees parking on the neighbouring residential area. This was made considerably worse in June of this year when the owners of Caldecotte Lake Business Park painted double yellow lines across the whole of the industrial area forcing even more

employees and business visitors to seek parking in the residential area.

- This situation could be made even worse if a planned additional employment area in the ownership of Milton Keynes Development Partnership is developed. Such a development would also remove the only feasible option for a bridge over the railway identified by Network Rail as part of the planned East West Rail initiative.

Councillor D Hopkins invited the relevant Cabinet Portfolio holder, together with relevant officer colleagues to accompany him on a site visit to view the issues first hand and to consider solutions that could include:

- (i) Delaying the development of land in the (ultimate) control of the Council to establish a much needed temporary car park;
- (ii) The identification of any underused land in the industrial area for use as car parking; or
- (iii) The activation on Caldecotte, as a matter of urgency, of a Prohibition of verge and pavement parking.

Councillor Gowans (the Cabinet member for Public Realm) thanked Councillor D Hopkins for the item and indicated that although he may be able to assist with solutions to improve the parking and traffic issues, the land was owned by Milton Keynes Development Partnership which was part of Councillor Middleton's portfolio and therefore he would also be involved in trying to resolve the residents issues.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that he would be happy to attend an on-site meeting and familiarise himself with the area and the issues first hand.

Councillor Middleton (the Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation) indicated that he would discuss the issues of the development of land owned by the Milton Keynes Development Partnership to establish temporary car parking, to identify any underused land in the adjacent industrial area for use as car parking, and to resolve issues of current car parking areas being used by contractors, with the Chief Executive Officer of the Milton Keynes Development Partnership.

Councillor Middleton also indicated that he would be happy to attend an on-site meeting and following discussion with Councillor D Hopkins and Councillor Gowans, this was agreed to be held on Tuesday 11 March 2018.

The Cabinet also heard from Ward Councillor Jenkins who indicated that businesses were prospering to the detriment of

residents and welcomed the proposed site visit, and from 6 members of the public who recounted their experiences with the increased numbers of vehicles being parked in residential streets in Caldecotte by employees who worked at the adjacent industrial park.

RESOLVED -

1. That the item and residents' concerns be noted.
2. That a site visit be arranged for Councillor D Hopkins, Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm) and Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation) on Tuesday 11 September 2018.

C80

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

- (a) Question from Councillor Brown to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council).

Referring to the Cabinet's meeting on 10 July 2018 when Councillor Marland summarised the proposed range of actions that it was anticipated would deliver short, medium and long term outcomes, and mitigating factors and solutions designed to resolve the issue of unauthorised encampments, Councillor Brown asked what actions had been taken on the issue of travellers since the last Cabinet meeting, specifically with regards to the legal advice on unauthorised encampments, and what steps he intended to take next.

Councillor Marland thanked Councillors Brown for his question. Councillor Marland made a statement explaining the statutory position and summarised that the Council was undertaking work on potential sites for permanent and transit pitches including extending current provision, expediting existing allocations and potential other sites.

Councillor Marland also indicated that the Council, Thames Valley Police and other services had been working together to move encampments on quickly; since June around 9 unauthorised encampments had been moved using Section 61 (police) and 29 unauthorised encampments have been moved using Section 77 (Milton Keynes Council) powers.

Councillor Marland also indicated that Section 62 (police) powers were unable to be used in Milton Keynes due to the lack of a site to direct unauthorised encampments. The Council had also started action against a number of recurring encampments where travellers had returned to the same site within a prohibited period.

The Council had also recently obtained legal opinion on options to enhance its existing powers and this would be

disseminated to councillors noting that it contained exempt information.

Councillor Marland also indicated that an item “Dealing with Unauthorised Encampments” was scheduled for the Cabinet meeting on 2 October 2018.

The Cabinet heard from Councillor R Bradburn who indicated that the matter had been discussed at the recent Safer Communities Committee and indicated that it be referred to the Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED -

1. An item “Dealing with Unauthorised Encampments” was scheduled for the Cabinet meeting on 2 October 2018.
2. That a copy of the statement be circulated to councillors, noting that it contained exempt information.

- (b) Question from Councillor Morla to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council).

Referring to the Cabinet’s meeting on 10 July 2018 when Councillor Marland summarised the proposed range of actions that it was anticipated would deliver short, medium and long term outcomes, and mitigating factors and solutions designed to resolve the issue of unauthorised encampments, in response to her motion to Council on 20 June 2018 (Minute CL25 refers), Councillor Morla asked when the medium and long term solutions indicated at the 20 June 2018 Cabinet meeting and 18 July 2018 Council Meeting would be implemented

As a supplementary question, Councillor Morla asked that the Traveller Liaison contact details be circulated to Councillors.

In response, Councillor Marland referred to his previous answer and indicated that the Traveller Liaison contact details would be circulated to Councillors.

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

Councillor Gilbert with reference to road traffic and parking issues in Chalkdell Drive Shenley Wood, adjacent to the Shenley Wood Retirements Centre, asked if the Council could investigate and provide solutions to alleviate the increased amounts of road traffic and parking issues that were raising public safety concerns with residents.

Councillor Gowans indicated that officer colleagues would be asked to explore the issues and respond with a range of possible solutions.

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

Councillor Bint requested, with reference to anticipated road traffic and parking issues in Ferry Meadows Close, arising from the recent successful planning application for an adjacent Community Facility to be built in Broughton, that a report be brought to the Cabinet to consider solutions to these for residents.

Councillor Gowans indicated that Cabinet reports for specific Ward issues were not the way forward but that officer colleagues would be asked to investigate a range of possible options to resolve any issues.

- (e) Question from Councillor Jenkins to Councillor O'Neill (Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing).

Councillor Jenkins, referring to the number of recent stabbings nationally and a recent murder in Browns Wood, requested that Councillors, Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Action Groups be updated on ongoing working with Thames Valley Police to resolve these issues.

Councillor O'Neill indicated that this would be actioned.

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

Councillor Bint asked, with reference to parking issues in Tanfield Square Broughton which had parking bays for the use of customers at the local centre, but which were being used by residents and larger vehicles for longer term parking, that a range of solutions be found.

Councillor Gowans stated that Tanfield Square was a local centre with flats above the shops. Residents of these flats seemed to be using the parking spaces allocated to the shops, for permanent parking. This could cause access problems to the local businesses; therefore evidence of parking infringements in the Square would be required before any actions or solutions could be found.

Councillor Gowans requested that officer colleagues investigate the matter.

C81

REFERRALS FROM CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 7 MARCH 2018 AND 11 JULY 2018

- (a) The Cabinet considered a referral from the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee held on 7 March 2018 that asked the Cabinet to consider Careers Advice for Young People in respect of the following issues:

- (a) That young people in Milton Keynes be equipped with information so as to effectively signpost them to where advice regarding career choices can be obtained.
- (b) That all schools in Milton Keynes be required to provide students with work experience.
- (c) That students in Milton Keynes be provided with practical experience of further and higher education, for example University tours.
- (d) That schools in Milton Keynes be required to provide students with more advice about career options not requiring a university education.
- (e) That Milton Keynes schools be required to provide career advice tailored to individual students.
- (f) That Milton Keynes Council's Economic Development Section circulates to the business community, appeals for internship and work experience opportunities for students and young people in the borough.
- (g) That Milton Keynes schools offer CV writing and interview skills as part of their career advice offer.
- (h) That 15 year olds be able to access to careers advice offered by Information and Guidance Advisers in Milton Keynes schools.
- (i) That the Youth Cabinet Report and Committee recommendations be sent to schools via the schools newsletter.
- (j) That Milton Keynes schools offer students online training for career searches.
- (k) That best practice of internship and work experience provided by businesses be shared with the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce.
- (l) That Milton Keynes Council should support schools connecting with employers, for example through the Chamber of Commerce.

The item was introduced by Councillor Crooks, Chair of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee, who summarised the points.

- (b) Referral from Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee - 11 July 2018 with reference to the Informal Consultation and proposal for the Closure of the Walnuts Children's Home
 - (a) That the Cabinet be recommended to:
 - (i) consider the best outcome and what is in the best interest of children at the Walnuts Children

home and this must be paramount in any change at the home.

- (ii) demonstrate and provide reassurance that changing models/perceptions of care that might inform changes at the Walnuts Children's home, are applicable to and appropriate for Milton Keynes;
- (iii) consider the continued stability of children even in the event of change for them at the Walnuts Children's home;
- (iv) ensure that any closure of the Walnuts Children's home should not result in the affected children having to be housed/relocated outside of Milton Keynes so that the children retain full local contact with the borough and with their family;
- (v) include in the Walnuts Children's home consultation affected children and young people at the home;
- (vi) review provision of the type of services provided at the Walnuts Children's home as a whole at the borough level;
- (vii) establish and make clear its vision as to the type of care that it wants to provide in and for the borough;
- (viii) take into account the needs of the families of children at the Walnuts Children's home as relates to any changes at the home; and
- (ix) undertake a further consultation which should form part of a review of the provision of specialist special educational needs (SEN) residential home provision in Milton Keynes.

The items were introduced by Councillor Crooks, Chair of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee who summarised the points and asked that the current consultation process:

- (i) be reviewed and improved including the time period in which the current consultation is being conducted;
- (ii) includes reference to alternative accommodation, and equivalent alternate accommodation in Milton Keynes, with any future consultation must address this shortcoming; and

- (iii) considers that Foster Care or a family environment might not be a suitable option for the children at the Walnuts Children's home, if the home is closed.

The items were introduced by Councillor Crooks, Chair of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee who summarised the points.

The Cabinet received a response from Councillor Nolan.

RESOLVED -

That the referrals and the response be noted.

C82

REFERRAL FROM BUDGET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 17 JULY 2018

Scrutiny of the General Fund Revenue Account, Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant and Capital Programme Outturn Report 2017/18

The Cabinet considered a referral from the Budget Scrutiny Committee of- 17 July 2018 that requested the Cabinet to investigate the following issues:

- (i) That in the preparation of future budgets, the robustness of any proposed savings be challenged and scrutinised to ensure that they are achievable in order to avoid a significant level of delayed or non-deliverable savings in the future.
- (ii) That the confirmation that the robustness of any proposed savings be measured by a RAG (Red, Amber, and Green) rating is welcomed and re-assurance is sought that any alerts raised by this rating method are acted upon promptly in order to mitigate any detrimental effects on the Council's finances.
- (iii) That the partnership with LGSS continues to be monitored very closely to ensure that any proposed savings are deliverable and that membership of the Partnership continues to be of advantage to the Council.
- (iv) That the more robust monitoring of the Capital Programme which is being put in place be welcomed and the Cabinet be requested to make the necessary resources available to ensure that this new approach works so that unnecessary delays to the start of projects within the Capital Programme are minimised."

The item was introduced by Councillor R Bradburn Chair of the Budget Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Middleton the Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation, thanked Councillor R Bradburn and the Budget Scrutiny Committee

RESOLVED -

That the referral be noted

C83

REFERRAL FROM THE COMMUNITY AND HOUSINGS CRUTINY COMMITTEE 25 JULY 2018

The Cabinet considered a referral from Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 25 July 2018 with referred to the Council's Draft Housing Strategy 2018 - 20 23 that was introduced by Councillor Ferrans, Chair of the Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee.

It was reported that Scrutiny of the Council's Draft Housing Strategy 2018-23 had indicated:

- (a) That the focus of the draft strategy on the supply and delivery of affordable housing Committee be commended.
- (b) That Priority 1 should include reference to providing the housing that Milton Keynes needs i.e. taking into account the mix of sizes and tenures that MK needs according to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).
- (c) That Priority 4 included:
 - (i) reference to the Council's role in carrying out enforcement action to improve housing across both the public and private sectors; and
 - (ii) explicit reference to the aim of encouraging longer term tenancies in the private rental sector.

Councillor Long, the responsible Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration responded.

RESOLVED -

That the referral and the response be noted.

C84

REFERRAL FROM THE STRATEGIC PLACEMAKING SCTUTINY COMMITTEE OF 26 JULY 2018

The Cabinet considered a referral from the Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee – 26 July 2018 that was introduced by Councillor Bint, the Chair of the Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee.

- (a) Mobility Strategy- An Action Plan Detailing Progress
 - (i) That disappointment be expressed to Public Realm officer colleagues for their failure to publish the "Mobility Strategy Action Plan" for Cabinet in time for the Committee's meeting.
 - (ii) That Public Realm officer colleagues engage with councillors and public stakeholders before publication of the "Mobility Strategy Action Plan" for Cabinet.

- (iii) That the “Mobility Strategy Action Plan” report clearly outlines its priorities and justification for the priorities listed.
 - (iv) That the “Mobility Strategy Action Plan” includes the challenges associated with Milton Keynes being a “destination city”, and those faced by elderly residents and visitors.
- (b) Parking Pricing Policy:
- (i) That the contractual changes that are leading to the better collection and utilisation of data to inform future decisions and to enable technologically sophisticated payment tariffs to be implemented in Milton Keynes be welcomed.
 - (ii) That a comparison with other comparable local authorities, and out of town leisure destinations for example, Bluewater, be undertaken as part of the business plan for any Parking Pricing policy.
- (c) 2018/19 Work Programme

That the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, the Acting Chief Executive and Corporate Director- Place, ensure that officer colleagues produce documents in a timely manner taking into account the Scrutiny Timetable, so as to enable cross party scrutiny of documents/reports before they are presented to Cabinet.

Councillor Gowans, the responsible Cabinet member for Public Realm thanked Councillor Bint and the Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee and responded to the referrals.

RESOLVED -

That the response be noted.

C85

REFERRAL FROM THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 31 JULY 2018

The Cabinet considered referrals from the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee of 31 July 2018 which were presented by Councillor Jenkins:

1. Reducing HIV infections and Late Diagnosis
 - (a). That the Cabinet undertakes a review of the work done by the Terrence Higgins Trust on behalf of Milton Keynes Council to reduce late diagnosis rates within the black British and Afro-Caribbean communities in Milton Keynes.
 - (b). That following a trial by the Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group where GP’s offered optional HIV tests for people doing normal blood tests, the

Cabinet ensures that this trial is properly assessed for possible adoption in Milton Keynes.

2. Carers Workforce Planning

- (a) That the Cabinet works more closely with providers to understand how technology can be better utilised to create needed capacity in the social care and domiciliary care service
- (b) That consideration be given to the use of a “dynamic purchases contract”, and that officer colleagues brief the Cabinet member on this new contracting method.
- (c) That the Council works with private providers to reduce the 11% gap in adult social care and domiciliary workforce relative to demand.

3. Domestic Violence

That the Cabinet be recommended:

- (a) that prior to recommissioning domestic abuse services and taking into consideration that every £1 spent on domestic abuse services can result in a £5 to £11 social value benefit to the Milton Keynes community as a whole, to provide re-assurance that the refuge service for victims of domestic abuse will be protected for the long term;
- (b) to assure the long term security of the refuge service for victims of domestic abuse;
- (c) that when recommissioning domestic abuse services, a review of the service provided to men and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community is carried out.
- (d) to afforded a presence in the Milton Keynes Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for the MK-Act Domestic Violence Intervention Services;
- (e) to take into consideration the following gaps identified by MK-Act Domestic Violence Intervention Services when structuring the tender for the recommissioning of domestic abuse services:
 - (i) prevention and Early Intervention Programmes with children and young people;
 - (ii) more capacity for Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) based within Health including GP’s;
 - (iii) adolescent to Parent Violence & Abuse Programme – working with both Young People and Parents;

- (iv) more time to support at court including at crown court;
 - (v) specific service around emotional support and a counselling service;
 - (v) funding around target hardening and sanctuary scheme; and
 - (vi) work around harder to reach groups – e.g. LGBT and those people who are disabled
- (f) To promote MK-Act Domestic Violence Intervention Services contact details on Milton Keynes Council's social media channels.

Councillor O'Neill, the Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing, thanked Councillor Jenkins and the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee for their work

RESOLVED -

That the response be noted.

C86

PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Cabinet considered approving the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document which was presented by Councillor Legg, the Cabinet member for Customer Services.

It was reported that the previous Cabinet approval of a new Supplementary Planning Document, that consolidated and brought up to date the Council's guidance on planning obligations, was rescinded by Delegated Decision on 31 July 2018 to mitigate against the risks of adopting the Supplementary Planning Document on 1 September 2018.

That Delegated Decision would allow preparation of the Supplementary Planning Document to align with Plan:MK and address the principal issues of viability in Central Milton Keynes. This work was also required to align with any Cabinet decision on a future Community Infrastructure Levy.

It was also reported that the key stages in preparing the new Supplementary Planning Document included a 6 week consultation so that adoption of the it could follow as closely as possible to the adoption of Plan:MK.

Councillor Legg indicated that the 31 July Delegated Decision to rescind the March Supplementary Planning Document sought to address the risks of undermining the viability of development in Central Milton Keynes, adversely impacting delivery of new homes and the emerging development strategy in Plan:MK.

Councillor Legg also indicated that the recommended option to revise the Supplementary Planning Document, would:

- align it with the new Plan:MK (and give the Supplementary Planning Document greater longevity); and,
- address the issues of viability, and take into account any decision that the Council may take in respect of bringing in a Community Infrastructure Levy.

The new Supplementary Planning Document would initially be assumed to include planning obligations to contribute to/ provide for both strategic and local (on-site) infrastructure. Should the Council bring in a Community Infrastructure Levy, then this would supersede the obligations to provide towards strategic infrastructure (once the Community Infrastructure Levy was in operation). On-site requirements would remain in the Supplementary Planning Document to inform site specific legal agreements.

The Cabinet also heard from other councillors and members of the public.

RESOLVED -

1. That the current position of the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document previously approved in March 2018 for adoption on 1 September 2018, but rescinded on 31 July by Delegated Decision be noted.
2. That the preparation timetable of a new Supplementary Planning Document aligned to Plan:MK, be agreed.

C87

MKFUTURES 2050 - RENAISSANCE CMK - PROSPECTUS

The Cabinet considered the MK Futures Renaissance CMK Prospectus, which was introduced by Councillor Legg, the Cabinet member for Customer Services.

It was reported that the CMK prospectus was primarily intended to encourage additional private sector investment and development in Central Milton Keynes (CMK). It is aspirational in nature and outlines the key features of future development likely to be required to ensure that CMK reflected the needs and desires of its users (citizens workers and visitors) becoming not only the centre piece of the town but also a regional hub in the years up to 2050.

The Prospectus did not aim to create planning policy for Central Milton Keynes although a key aim was to help to improve the conditions where existing Policy could be more effectively driven and delivered to the benefit the city centre.

Councillor Legg indicated that the content of the Prospectus was based on the outcomes from the Renaissance:CMK stakeholder event held in CMK on 17 December 2017 which was attended by stakeholders from a range of business, public and other organisations and considered the key challenges CMK was likely to face over the coming 20-30 years. This concluded with the

identification of a series of reactions to help increase the city centre's overall success in the years to come.

The Cabinet also heard from other councillors and members of the public.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Central Milton Keynes Prospectus be approved.
2. That the subsequent publication and launch of the Central Milton Keynes Prospectus later in 2018 be agreed.

C88

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

The Cabinet considered the Medium Term Financial Plan which was introduced by Councillor Middleton, the Cabinet member Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation.

It was reported that the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan was updated in February 2018, at which time the projected budget gap over the subsequent four year period was £22.5m. The Council continues to face a severe financial challenge due to on-going reductions in Central Government funding and substantial increases in local demand for our critical services. This Medium Term Financial Outlook set out the scale of the financial challenge ahead and the Council's approach to address it in the coming years. The four year position had been refreshed to reflect revised pressures, funding changes, and updated reductions and income proposals.

It was also reported that the Council was forecasting a financial gap of £33m from 2019/20 to 2022/23; including a gap of £4m in 2019/20. To date, budget reductions of £10m had been identified, helping to reduce this gap to £23m. The goal was to achieve a sustainable medium term position against a backdrop of continued austerity, whilst actively delivering the Council's priorities as set out in the published Council Plan.

It was further reported that the Council has had to make cuts of £144m since 2011. It was not possible to manage this scale of financial challenge without a fundamental transformation of service delivery which in turn was likely to necessitate difficult decisions being made on the shape and scope of Council services. This Medium Term Financial Outlook, which will be further developed over the coming months, outlined a draft approach to ensure that the Council met this challenge and remained in a stable financial position.

The Cabinet heard from Councillor Middleton.

RESOLVED -

1. That the financial forecast in relation to both resources and expenditure be noted.

2. That the draft approach to addressing the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan gap be noted.
3. That the Cabinet and Corporate Leadership Team continued to develop detailed proposals to facilitate the delivery of a robust and sustainable Medium Term Financial Plan.

C89

GENERAL FUND REVENUE, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT, DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME FORECAST OUTTURN REPORT FOR QUARTER 1

The Cabinet considered the General Fund Revenue Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant Capital Programme Forecast Outturn Report for Quarter One, which was introduced by Councillor Middleton, the Cabinet member Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation.

It was reported that the 2018/19 Quarter One forecast outturn for the General Fund; Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG); Housing Revenue Account) and Capital Programme; based upon income and expenditure as at 30 June 2018 were as follow:

- General Fund Revenue Account (GFRA) – was currently forecasting an overspend of £2.778m;
- General Fund Revenue Account GFRA planned savings of £8.701m had been delivered (49% of the annual savings target). By the 31 March it was forecast that £15.520m savings would be achieved (88%), leaving a shortfall of £2.066m. This had been reflected in the forecast overspend;
- The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) was currently forecasting a £0.123m deficit by 31 March 2019. This forecast included no unplanned use of reserves; and
- The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - the budget was set with an estimated surplus carry forward into 2018/19 of £0.067m, the forecast position at quarter one was a surplus carry forward of £0.242m.

The Capital Programme forecast at the 30 June 2018 showed:

- An overall forecast £115.796m compared to spend approval, £0.422m overspend;
- £0.389m re-phasing into later years;
- There are opposed amendments to increase spend approval totalling 0.444m; and
- Proposed that additional funding of £0.382m be allocated to the capital programme

The changes required to the Capital Programme resulted in a revised Capital Programme for 2018/19 of £160.65m. Against the

total programme of £138.67m additional spend approval was sought to enable individual projects to commence or continue.

It was also reported that the Council is responsible for the management of the Milton Keynes Tariff, which was a forward funding mechanism to deliver infrastructure in the expansion areas of the borough. Should the recommendations be approved, the impact would be a revised Tariff Programme for 2018/19 of £40.40m; with the total spend approval for these contributions at £23.23m.

The Cabinet heard from Councillor Middleton.

RESOLVED -

1. That the General Fund Revenue Account forecast outturn of £2.778m overspend be noted.
2. That the forecast outturn deficit on the Housing Revenue Account of £0.123m be noted
3. That the Dedicated Schools Grant surplus carry forward of £0.242m be noted.
4. That the forecast outturn spend on the Capital Programme of £115.809m be noted
5. That the additions and amendments to resource allocation and spend approval for the 2018/19 capital programme be approved.
6. That the amendments to resource allocation and spend approvals for the 2018/19 Capital Programme approved by Delegated Decision or Cabinet be noted.
7. That the overall funding position for the 2018/19 Capital Programme be noted.
8. That the amendments to resource allocation and spend approvals for the 2018/19 tariff programme be approved.
9. That the current position of the 2018/19 tariff programme be noted.
10. The debt performance as at 30 June 2018 be noted

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.54 PM