



Minutes of the meeting of the CABINET held on TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018 at 6.30 pm

- Present:** Councillor Marland (Chair)
Councillors Gifford, Gowans, Long, Middleton, Nolan and O'Neill
- Officers:** C Mills (Chief Executive), M Bracey (Corporate Director People), D Sharkey (Corporate Director Place), P Simpson (Corporate Director Resources), G Snelson (Director of Strategy and Futures), T Blackburn-Maze (Service Director [Public Realm]), S Bridglalsingh (Service Director [Legal and Democratic Services]), M Kelleher (Service Director [Housing]), B Leahy (Head of Planning), P Gosal (Head of Economy and Culture), S Hayes (Head of Transport), L Bedford (Arts and Culture Manager), F Robinson (MK Futures Programme Manager), M Moore (Senior Planning Officer) and S Muir (Committee Manager).
- Also Present:** A Moss (Transport Strategy Consultant), Councillors Bint, Miles, Petchey and Walker and 20 Members of the Public.
- Apologies:** Councillor Legg (Cabinet member for Customer Services).

C127 CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Marland thanked Councillor Gifford for her commitment, support, dedication and hard work as Cabinet member for Place following her decision not to stand for election in the forthcoming Borough Elections in May 2018.

Councillor Marland also thanked all officer colleagues and contractors for their hard work and long hours involved in delivering the Council's services and keeping the roads open through some very challenging weather conditions in the previous week.

C128 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None were received.

C129 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 6 February 2018 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

C130 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question from Mr T Skelton to Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation).

Mr Skelton asked Councillor Middleton if the Council had yet taken a view about how it would use the profits from the sale of its landholdings in the Western Expansion Area.

Councillor Middleton explained that the Council viewed these as "Receipts" not "Profits" and as such these would be allocated to the Council's Capital Programme Budget when they were received.

Councillor Middleton indicated that Item 19 on the Agenda "Revisions to the Capital Programme and Spend Approvals" listed in detail the Financing of the Capital Programme, together with details of the new and existing projects that the Council planned to finance when the receipts were available.

Councillor Middleton also highlighted the Whitehouse FE Secondary School (£11m) and the Whitehouse Health Facility (£5.6m) funding requests for the Western Expansion Area, which were included as part of that item.

C131

**REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:
24 JANUARY 2018 - COUNCIL'S EMERGENCY PLAN**

The Cabinet considered a referral from the Scrutiny Management Committee held on the 24 January 2018, when the Committee had reviewed the Cabinet's response to its original referral concerning the Council's Emergency Plan.

It was reported in response to the referral, that the Emergency Plan recognised the important roles of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet in being seen to be involved as the 'face' and 'voice' of the Council from the early stages of any major emergency.

Councillor O'Neill, the responsible Cabinet member, thanked the Scrutiny Management Committee for its work in reviewing the Council's Emergency Plan arrangements and assured the Scrutiny Management Committee that the Cabinet was contacted at the early stage of any major emergency.

Councillor O'Neill also confirmed that a protocol was in place that prioritised messages to the Leader (and Group Leaders where appropriate), the Cabinet spokesperson, Ward Councillors, and parishes and town councils, once the Ward Councillors had been advised.

With regard to a dedicated Emergency Operations Centre, Councillor O'Neill indicated that it was anticipated that the Council's Emergency Planning Team would be based on the Ground Floor as part of the Council's Facilities Team. Should a major incident occur, the entire area would then be made available to the Emergency Planning Team. A meeting room in that area would also be available as an Operational Centre.

RESOLVED -

That the response be noted and forwarded to the Scrutiny Management Committee.

C132

**REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE:
31 JANUARY 2018 - CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU**

The Cabinet considered a referral from the Housing and Community Committee held on the 31 January 2018 with reference to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

It was reported that the Cabinet was asked by the Committee to ensure that officer colleagues met with representatives from the Citizens' Advice Bureau in order to learn the lessons from other local authorities' full roll-out of Universal Credit and to ensure that Milton Keynes Council took whatever steps it could to minimise any adverse effects for claimants.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that he and the Council's Corporate Director Resources had recently met with the Citizens' Advice Bureau to discuss the issues with the roll out of Universal Credit.

Councillor Marland also indicated that the Council would be following the Bedford Borough Council model of Universal Credit roll out and added that the Council's Housing Officers had met with the Citizens Advice Bureau more recently to discuss embedding Citizens Advice Bureau Advisors within the Housing team to help enable the quick resolution of Universal Credit queries.

RESOLVED -

That the response be noted and forwarded to the Housing and Community Committee.

C133

REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL - 21 FEBRUARY 2018

The Cabinet considered the objectives of a deputation received by the Council on 21 February 2018 from members of the public with reference to the Saxon Court Development Brief and referred to the Cabinet for consideration.

The Deputation stated that residents of Campbell Park asked the Council to:

- (a) Not to sell or build on public footpaths, side streets, redways and parking areas around Saxon Court as these provided important access and connectivity to Central Station. etc.
- (b) To respect the wishes of 89,000 voters to retain the original layout of Milton Keynes.

Councillor Middleton, the responsible Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation, thanked the members of the public for submitting the deputation and indicated that further Delegated Decisions were scheduled for 27 March 2018 to consider the Saxon

Court and Adjoining Land (D4.1), the CMK Development Brief, the proposed marketing of Saxon Court and the Milton Keynes Development Partnership land (D4.1) to the rear of Saxon Court using the Development Brief.

Councillor Middleton also thanked the members of the public for highlighting their concerns about pedestrian and cyclist connectivity and clarified that the Council was required to include all the options, however unpalatable, in the consultation, in order to evidence that they had been investigated.

Councillor Middleton also recognised that the consultation process undertaken during the preparation of the development brief for the Hotel la Tour development in Central Milton Keynes was an example of good practice that could be followed for these development briefs.

Councillor Middleton clarified that the Cabinet had not expressed any opinion on any of the varied range of options and all the comments that had been received as part of the consultation process would be considered.

Councillor Middleton further indicated that the Council's Head of Placemaking would prepare a Heritage Assessment of the site.

Councillor Middleton referred to the briefing note that had been circulated and summarised that a Delegated Decision had been taken on 19 December 2017 that determined the Council would dispose of the building for "place making" reasons and would prepare and consult on a development brief. This first decision was in place to enable the Council to dispose of the building for a limited range of uses that supported its place making objectives. Effectively, that excluded a residential conversion of the existing building, which would likely have yielded the highest receipt.

In response to requests for some of the options to be not included in the final strategy, Councillor Marland repeated that in order to evidence that all options had been considered, they needed to be included in the consultation draft. However, all the responses would be assessed and as a result of that process, the options might be revised in the final version of strategy.

In response to a comment from Councillor Bint about the weight of Development Briefs and Neighbourhood Plans in the Planning process, Councillor Marland asked the Head of Planning to prepare a briefing note on the weight given to Development Briefs by the Development Control Committee.

The Cabinet heard from Councillor Bint and 6 members of the public during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

That the response and actions be noted.

ROUGH SLEEPING REDUCTION STRATEGY 2018/2021

The Cabinet considered the Rough Sleeping Reduction Strategy 2018- 2021 which had been developed in response to the Council's priority of tackling homelessness included in the Council Plan 2016-2020.

It was reported that in September 2017, the Cabinet approved the draft Rough Sleeping Reduction Strategy for public consultation (Minute C49 refers). The 12 week consultation which closed on 24 December 2017 identified a high level of support for the priorities included in the draft strategy and this feedback had now been considered in the completion of the final Strategy.

It was also reported that supporting people through a housing first model and ensuring they received the support they needed to find and maintain permanent accommodation, was at the forefront of the Cabinet's approach. By adopting this approach, it was anticipated that the number of people sleeping rough could be reduced by 2021. The Council had already begun to introduce measures to prevent homelessness and rough sleeping. With reference to anti-social behaviour such as begging, the use of appropriate legislation once reasonable avenues of support and engagement had been attempted would be considered.

Councillor Long indicated that it was anticipated that a Delivery Plan would be developed to set out how the Cabinet would deliver the Strategy in partnership with other agencies and clarified that £400k per year had been made available to address the options and solutions for reducing street homelessness in the 2018/19 Council budget.

Councillor Long also stated that the success of the Strategy would rely on a strong ethos of partnership working, that the strategy was a good starting point, and now had the backing of recent legislation. Councillor Long reiterated that a strong delivery plan was now required to achieve the aims of the Strategy.

Councillor Marland indicated that proposals to pursue public space protection orders would not be taken forward as the Council was adopting a person centred approach, in line with the principles set out in Homelessness Reduction Act 2017. This required the Council to develop 'personal housing plans' for everyone who presented to the Council as homeless or was threatened with homelessness. Personal Housing Plans required consideration of the needs of individuals to find them a permanent home, rather than seeking to adopt a blanket approach such as building hostels for the homeless and segregating them from the local population.

The Cabinet heard from Councillor Walker during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That Milton Keynes Council's Rough Sleeping Reduction Strategy 2018-2021 be approved.
2. That a Delivery Plan be developed to set out how the Council would deliver this strategy in partnership with other agencies be noted.
3. That a new Homelessness Strategy be developed following the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act in April 2018, setting out Council's approach to preventing homelessness of all types, be noted.

C135

ST. LEGER DRIVE, GREAT LINFORD, SAFETY PETITION

Further to Minute C76 of the meeting held on 7 November 2017, the Cabinet considered the response to the Petition submitted by local residents expressing their concerns regarding the ability to cross St Leger Drive, Great Linford safely in the vicinity of the Local Centre.,

It was reported that officer colleagues had met with residents and Great Linford Parish Council to explore a number of options that could be introduced to address the concerns that were raised.

Whilst the proposals requested did not currently meet the criteria for Council funding, it was anticipated that the Council would continue to work with the community to identify other potential ways in which road safety improvements might be funded and delivered.

Councillor Gowans, the Cabinet member for Public Realm, indicated that he had also met with the petitioners to identify and discuss alternative options to address the concerns raised.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that this was the start of the process to improve road safety issues in Great Linford. A new Community Highways Fund initiative was being considered, which it was anticipated would give opportunities for parish and town councils and community groups to submit bids for Council funding for projects that would not normally be provided as a result of the Council's need to prioritise the works it was able to undertake. The "Park Smart" scheme with local schools could also be investigated.

Additionally, Councillor Gowans also indicated Community Speedwatch had recently been implemented which it was anticipated would give communities opportunities to take an active lead in dealing with speeding issues in their area, working alongside Thames Valley Police.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Petchey and Walker and one member of the public during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the report be noted.

2. That officer colleagues liaise with and support the local community, local school and the Parish Council to identify alternative ways in which road safety improvements might be funded and delivered, including the possibility of holding a community meeting

C136

EXTENSION OF THE HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING AND NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACT (CU2276A)

The Cabinet considered extending the Highways and Street Lighting Network Infrastructure Contract (CU2276A) which had been awarded to Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd in 2013 for an initial period of 7 years with an option to extend the contract.

Councillor Gowans, the Cabinet member for Public Realm, indicated that the contract also aligned with the Council's Prudential Borrowing investment under which the Council had borrowed additional capital funds to invest in the Highways Assets.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that the current contract had proven to be flexible in adapting to the changing needs over the previous 4 years. It was anticipated that future reviews would be carried out in using the Council's Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy to drive additional efficiencies and savings.

Councillor Gowans added that in addition to the savings envisaged at contract award, Ringway Infrastructure Services had worked with the Council to save an additional £1.7million over 3 years, through the renegotiation of rates associated with maintenance and improvement items.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) thanked the Public Realm Team and Ringway for their work during the recent bad weather and snowstorms.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bint who indicated his support for the current contractor.

RESOLVED -

That the current Highways, Street Lighting and Network Infrastructure contract (CU2276A) with Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd be extended for one year from April 2021 to March 2022.

C137

MILTON KEYNES MOBILITY STRATEGY 2018/2036

The Cabinet considered recommending the draft Milton Keynes Mobility Strategy 2018-2036 to Council for approval. The report was introduced by Councillor Gifford, the responsible Cabinet member for Place.

Councillor Gifford reported that the Strategy outlined the Council's approach for the design and use of the city's local transport system and how it connected with the wider strategic transport system of motorways, trunk roads, railways and (where applicable) airports

and ports. It had been renamed the Mobility Strategy to better reflect its purpose and the need to cover all mobility matters in one document including the global shift towards the greater use of public transport systems in preference to private cars.

Councillor Gifford indicated that Milton Keynes was one of the fastest growing cities and therefore needed an appropriate means of planning a future approach to transportation which was flexible and able to adapt to an unknown future as well as taking account of currently emerging technologies.

Councillor Gifford also indicated that consultation had taken place in two phases, with key stakeholder engagement during the summer of 2017 followed by a more intensive period of engagement with a wider stakeholder group, including the Youth Cabinet and the general public from early December 2017 to 12 February 2018. Initial multimedia notices were issued on 15 December 2017 that provided access to the draft Strategy, supporting information and links to an online questionnaire. 415 individual online questionnaire responses, together with 40 formal written responses from key stakeholders, were received.

Councillor Gifford stated that all feedback and comments received have been analysed and considered for inclusion in the Strategy, and where appropriate, the Strategy had been updated.

Councillor Gifford also responded to questions and comments from members of the public that included:

- The Strategy was not being ambitious enough as indicated in Response 23 of the Consultation;
- The length of the timeframe for the Implementation Plan;
- The existing road network and its ability to cope with the planned increases in population ;
- The need to encourage new bus users to use the network to if modal shift was to be achieved. The discontent of some current bus users at the lack of investment over the years in the transport infrastructure;
- The need to investigate how freight would be moved around, including rail freight;
- The suggestion that all parties should be brought together with a transport conference;
- The 'First Last Mile Strategy' not having been subject to public consultation and not having being approved by Cabinet or Delegated Decision; and

- The Cabinet approving a Personal Delivery Device robot operator and the significant financial investment this could bring to Milton Keynes, subject to adherence to protocols being agreed with the Council.

Councillor Gifford indicated that the engagement of a wide range of stakeholders was important using all appropriate means and that all actions would require more detailed work. The Strategy was a starting point and set the overall vision.

With reference to a Personal Delivery Device robot operator, Councillor Gifford indicated that the Council welcomed any additional capability to provide deliveries to households that suffered from reduced personal mobility and also welcomed the investment in new business opportunities and potential job creation in Milton Keynes, but recognised that the technology being proposed was new and not yet fully proven. Therefore, approval to continue and expand the trialling of robots should be conditional on developing and having in place a set of operating protocols that ensured that the safety and rights of other pavement users were respected, appropriate legal regulations were met and insurance and other liabilities were covered.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that the engagement of a wide range of stakeholders in the Strategy was important and that all actions would require more detailed work as the Strategy only set the overall vision. Councillor Marland requested that an action plan for the next three years detailing expected progress should be presented to the Cabinet in the next few months.

Councillor Marland also indicated that a statement of engagement was required and also that further consultation was needed on the "First Last Mile" concept and reference to this should not be omitted from the Strategy.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Bint and 6 members of the public during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Mobility Strategy (LTP4) 2018/2036 be approved and referred to Council for adoption.
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 'First-Last Mile' provisions would be subsumed within the Mobility Strategy and any implementation plans will be consulted on, as appropriate, in the future.
4. That the Head of Transport be asked to develop a statement of Engagement.

C138

HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018

The Cabinet considered approving the Milton Keynes Highways Asset Management Strategy introduced by Councillor Gowans, the responsible Cabinet member for Public Realm.

Councillor Gowans indicated that the Department of Transport had encouraged the adoption of Highways Asset Management Strategies, but due to low take up rates, had incentivised the adoption of these by local authorities through an Incentive Fund.

Councillor Gowans further indicated that it was anticipated that the adoption of Highway Asset Management Strategy that provided an improved strategic framework, would provide optimum value for money from any funding allocated to highway maintenance or improvement works by the Department of Transport and other third parties.

Councillor Gowans indicated that for 2018/19 the Council had maximised its allocation of Department of Transport funding by completing a self-assessment questionnaire signed off by the Section 151 Officer. However, much work was still required to embed and optimise the benefits as well as to ensure that over £1.7m of Incentive Funding was secured for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Councillor Marland indicated that Priority 11 of 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 our businesses. This sought to achieve maximum value from the Council's highways investment through a commitment to the management of the highway assets by a review of the November 2015 Highway Asset Management policy.

Councillor Marland also indicated the Strategy included a common sense approach from those involved in maintaining the Council's assets, allowing several problems to be fixed at one time, such as more than one pot hole being filled in the same area at the same time, so avoiding a further call outs.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Bint and Miles who supported the fresh approach.

RESOLVED -

1. The 2018 Highways Asset Management Strategy be adopted.
2. That the Asset Management and Highways Transport Delivery Plan be developed to determine the outcomes and actions needed to meet the Strategy and Policy.

C139

RESPONSE TO TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT - REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING INCOME (DECEMBER 2017)

The Cabinet considered the response to the comments referred by the Task and Finish Group report on the Reduction in Car Parking Income that was presented to Cabinet in January 2018 (Minute

C110 refers) which was introduced by Councillor Gifford, the responsible Cabinet member for Place.

Councillor Gifford in her response endorsed the issues raised by the Parking and Income Task and Finish Group and outlined that the Parking Strategy would be updated when it was next reviewed to ensure that it met the needs and challenges of Milton Keynes in the future.

Councillor Gifford indicated that Income from parking charges had increased every year since 2012/13, with the exception of 2016/17, which saw a small reduction of approximately 1%. However since 2015/16 there had been a shortfall in the income against that had been previously forecast. The reasons for this were complex and not just a matter of the level of the cost per hour.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bint who indicated that he was content that the issues from the Task and Finish Group had been addressed during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations made in the Task and Finish Group report and revisions to the Parking Strategy to ensure that it meets the needs and challenges of Milton Keynes in the future be endorsed.

C140

**ADOPTION OF REVISED PLANNING OBLIGATIONS
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Cabinet considered adopting the Revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document which was introduced by Councillor Gifford.

It was suggested that in light of the recent Government decisions to not support the recommendation of the Community Infrastructure Levy, the Council should adopt a revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document from 1 September 2018. It was anticipated that this date would avoid any problems with retrospectively revising planning obligations requirements and legal agreements on planning applications already within the Development Management pipeline.

It was also reported that Planning Obligations were lawful requirements entered into under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to mitigate the impacts of development. They were used to secure financial and in-kind contributions for infrastructure and services such as schools, health centres, open space etc.

Councillor Gifford indicated that the option to do nothing and not adopt the Revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document and wait for the outcome of the Government consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy amendments would mean that the Council would rely on outdated planning obligation documents,

which it was anticipated would increase the risk of challenge from Developers.

Councillor Gifford also acknowledged that the Council's various strategies should be linked more efficiently as currently some strategies impacted on others.

Councillor Gifford also suggested that the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Place, should be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document to reflect any new information which might affect the robustness of the document.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that the Revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document was being considered because a number of the Council's planning obligation documents were becoming out of date and would be open to challenge particularly while a review of the Community Infrastructure Levy was being carried out.

In response to questions, the Senior Planning Officer clarified the current percentage of Section 106 monies available for Art and Culture both currently, and in the future.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bint during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the changes to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document set out in the Consultation Summary and Proposed Changes, be agreed.
2. That the revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document, in the light of the changes set out be adopted from 1 September 2018.
3. That changes in relevant Government policy be monitored and reported to Cabinet accordingly.
4. That the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Place, be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document to reflect any new information which might affect the robustness of the document.
5. That a review of the Community Infrastructure Levy be carried out.

C141

CREATIVE AND CULTURAL STRATEGY AND THE CULTURAL DELIVERY SCOPING EXERCISE

The Cabinet considered adopting the Creative and Cultural Strategy.

The Cabinet also reviewed Stage 1 of the Cultural Delivery Model scoping-exercise and considered whether to move to deliver Stage 2.

Councillor Gifford, the Cabinet member for Place, in introducing the report, outlined that the Creative and Cultural Strategy 2018-2027 had been developed by, was owned by, and would be delivered by, a range of partners including the Council in its role of providing strategic leadership. The Creative and Cultural Strategy 2018-2027 had been developed in-line with the ambitions of the Futures 2050 report, particularly Project Six – The Creative and Cultured City; creating a delivery framework to achieve the Futures 2050 narrative. The Delivery Framework and body of the Strategy also included key actions from the bid for European Capital of Culture and from the outstanding items within the Arts and Public Art and the Heritage, Museums and Archives Strategies.

Councillor Gifford indicated that it was anticipated that to delay the adoption of the Strategy would hold up the collaborative development work and the process of attracting investment and that doing nothing would not support the Council's commitment to MK Futures 2050 and the Creative and Cultured City (Project Six), therefore she was keen to ensure that all strands of work reliant on and impacted by the Strategy, were able to progress.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that the 50th Anniversary of Milton Keynes was a success and reflected the Council's Creative and Cultural aspirations.

The Cabinet also heard from 1 member of the public during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Creative and Cultural Strategy 2018-2027 be adopted
2. That the strategic role of the Council in the Strategy be acknowledged.
3. That Stage 2 of the Cultural Delivery Model scoping exercise be delivered.
4. That the evidence and findings from Stage 1 consultations be acknowledged alongside the wider strategic context.
5. That on completion of Stage 2, Cabinet reviews and assesses the viability of the cultural delivery model options presented, with a view to adoption.
6. That the Stage 2 delivery timeline be adopted.

C142

CENTRAL AREA GROWTH BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Cabinet considered becoming a member of the Central Area Growth Board that was introduced by Councillor Marland, Leader of the Council.

It was reported that Milton Keynes Council had been actively engaged in discussions to establish a Central Area Growth Board as it was placed across the 'middle' of the Cambridge - Milton Keynes - Oxford corridor. It was anticipated that the establishment of a Growth Board would demonstrate to Government that local authorities across the South East Midlands and Buckinghamshire were committed to delivering a step change in sub-regional collaboration. The Growth Board would allow the area to speak with a single voice to Government on cross-boundary issues, matters of sub-regional importance and it would also coordinate any 'Housing and Growth deals' agreed across the sub-region.

Councillor Marland indicated that the proposal was that Milton Keynes Council become a full member of the Central Area Growth Board, and he outlined the draft Terms of Reference and the commitment to the relevant ongoing contributions that would be necessary.

RESOLVED -

That within the context of the National Infrastructure Commission and the Government's work on the Cambridge / Milton Keynes / Oxford corridor, the following be recommended to Council for adoption:

1. That the Council becomes a full member of the Central Area Growth Board, adopting the Terms of Reference.
2. That the Council commits to an associated contribution of £5k of ongoing revenue to support the work of the Growth Board; and
3. That the Council acts as the Accountable Body for the Growth Board.

C143

REVISIONS TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND SPEND APPROVALS

The Cabinet considered the revisions to the Capital Programme and Spend Approvals which were introduced by Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation).

It was reported that the changes outlined in the report resulted in a revised Capital Programme for 2017/18 of £230.95m and 2018/19 of £129.92m. Spend approval of £230.53m had been given in 2017/18 and £68.759m in 2018/19 to enable individual projects in the Programme to commence or continue.

It was also reported that, should the recommendations included in the report be approved, the Milton Keynes Tariff Programme for

2017/18, which forward funded infrastructure in the expansion areas, would be £28.74m, with the total spend approval for these contributions at £19.48m in 2017/18 and £14.56m in 2018/19.

The Cabinet noted the following existing projects had been allocated resources in the 2018/19 Capital Programme:

- (a) Whitehouse 12 FE Secondary School of ££11m in 2018/19, £20m in 2019/20 and £8m in 2020/21 to enable the construction of the new secondary school to start in August 2018.
- (b) Whitehouse Health Facility spend approval of £5.640m in 2018/19, £4.31m in 2019/20 and £0.900m in 2020/21 to enable the construction of the new Health Centre in June 2018.
- (c) Resource allocation and spend approval for CMK Multi Storey car park to start in June 2018.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the additions and amendments to resource allocation and spend approval for the 2017/18 Capital Programme and spend approval requested for the 2018/19 be approved.
- 2. That the amendment to resource allocation and spend approval for the 2017/18 Capital Programme approved by Delegated Decision on the 30 January 2018 be noted.
- 3. That the overall funding position for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Capital Programmes be noted.
- 4. That the amendments to resource allocation and spend approvals for the 2017/18 tariff programme and spend approval requests for the 2018/19 tariff programme be approved.
- 5. That the current position of the 2017/18 and 2018/19 tariff programme be noted.

C144

AWARD OF CONTRACT – A LEAD HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNER TO TAKE FORWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MK:U: A NEW UNIVERSITY FOR MILTON KEYNES

The Cabinet considered awarding the contract for a Lead Higher Education Partner to take forward the Implementation of MK:U: A New University for Milton Keynes, that was introduced by Councillor Marland, Leader of the Council.

It was reported that the creation of MK:U - a new technical university located in Central Milton Keynes - was one of “six big projects” identified by the MK Futures 2050 Commission as critical to the future success of Milton Keynes. An open-like tender process for the procurement of a lead Higher Education (HE) partner to lead the implementation of MK:U had commenced on 14 September 2017

(Procurement and Commissioning Minute PC 21 refers). The opportunity was advertised to an international audience through an OJEU-compliant process and the Times Higher Education publication. That process was now complete and it recommended that a lead partner be appointed. It was anticipated that the project plan proposed by the recommended partner would see the launch of MK:U in 2023.

It was also suggested that that the Corporate Director Resources should be authorised to enter into negotiations with the lead Higher Education partner to establish a formal agreement to resource and deliver the project described in its successful proposal formal project and that a review point at 18 months should be included to consider a completed Feasibility Study to provide the basis for a decision in consultation with the Council to continue or cease the project.

Councillor Marland clarified that the selection of a lead Higher Education partner had been subject to a formal procurement decision because it presented an exclusive opportunity to work in partnership with Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes Development Partnership. This included the opportunity to request that land and other resources within the control of the Council and/or Milton Keynes Development Partnership be committed to the implementation of the new university.

Councillor Marland also clarified that one tender was received and that the option to not appoint would mean the Council could not proactively progress its ambition for a large-scale city centre university. To re-tender the opportunity was ruled out as the MK:U opportunity was advertised nationally and internationally and a compliant bid had been received.

Councillor Marland also indicated that commitment in the formal agreement of resources from the MK Tariff would be authorised up to a maximum of £11 million structured as a maximum of £2,940,125 for the first 18 months of the project; and a maximum further contribution of £8,059,875 to the project's conclusion. Also that the Council's financial commitment for the first 18 months would be contingent on the lead Higher Education partner providing at least a 50% resource match.

Councillor Marland also suggested that a design competition for the University building with entrants from world leading architects could be considered and he would discuss this further with partners.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Bint and Miles during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. The public and press be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 3 (Information Relating to the Financial or Business Affairs of the Authority) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, in order that the Annex to the Report may be considered.
2. That the highest scoring bidder be appointed to the role of lead Higher Education partner.
3. That the Corporate Director Resources, be authorised to enter into negotiations with the lead Higher Education partner to establish a formal agreement to resource and deliver the project described in its successful proposal.
4. That commitment in the formal agreement at 1(b) of resources from the MK Tariff up to a maximum of £11 million structured be authorised as follows:
 - (a) a maximum of £2,940,125 for the first 18 months of the project; and
 - (b) a maximum further contribution of £8,059,875 to the project's conclusion.
- 1.5 That the Council's financial commitment for the first 18 months be contingent on the lead Higher Education partner providing at least a 50% resource match.
- 1.6 That it be noted a formal project review point at 18 months to consider a completed Feasibility Study will provide the basis for a decision in consultation with the Council to continue or cease the project.
- 1.7 That it be noted that Milton Keynes Development Partnership had agreed in principle to the use of the land in Block B4 within its control for the university project, subject to an appropriate transactional structure and necessary agreements being put in place.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.03 PM