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A G E N D A

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair to welcome councillors, officers of the Council, witnesses and the public to the meeting and introduce councillors, officers and witnesses who are present.

2. Apologies

To receive any apologies of absence.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests) they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. Minutes

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To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Housing and Community Committee held on 9 March 2017 (**Item 4**).

5. Plan:MK

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Plan:MK is the new Local Plan for Milton Keynes up to 2031. It sets out a vision and development strategy for the future of the Borough, and includes development management policies and site allocations for all sizes and types of development to help deliver that vision. Plan:MK reviews and replaces the existing Core Strategy (adopted 2013) and the saved policies from the Local Plan (adopted 2005).

The draft version of Plan:MK sets out the Council's preferred strategy for meeting the Borough's needs until 2031. A 15-year lifespan for the plan has been chosen as it is anticipated that the plan will need to be reviewed prior to that end date in order to be able to respond to a number of emerging strategies and infrastructure developments, notably the MK Futures 2050 work, progress on East-West Rail and on the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford growth corridor. This will be consistent with national planning policy which states that local plans should be drawn up over an appropriate timescale, preferably a 15-year time horizon, should take account of longer term requirements and be kept up to date.

The draft Plan:MK is not the final plan but represents the Council's preferred approach based on the evidence currently available and the results of the previous consultations in 2014 and 2016. The plan has been prepared with input from a cross-party councillor working group.

At its meeting on 21 February 2017 Cabinet approved a period of public consultation on the draft Plan:MK which runs from 17 March to 9 June 2017.

At this stage in the preparation of the draft plan, the consultation is asking for views and feedback on what the plan ought to contain and, where a preferred approach has been identified, whether that is appropriate. The responses received during this period of consultation will, together with the outputs from ongoing evidence studies, shape the final version of the plan which is expected to be published for a final round of consultation at the end of 2017.

Chapter 13 of Plan:MK deals specifically with issues relating to Homes and Neighbourhoods, setting out a range of policies on various aspects of future housing provision in Milton Keynes. Chapter 13 also includes a number of questions on which the Council is seeking responses as part of the consultation process; the Committee may wish to use these questions as the starting point for its consideration of the Plan:MK proposals in relation to housing matters (**Item 5**).

Officer colleagues from the Council's Planning Team have been invited to the meeting in order to address any technical queries the Committee may have.