



Head of Democratic Services
John Moffoot

To: The Mayor and Members of
the Milton Keynes Council

6 November 2006

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL** to be held at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes on **TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2006 at 7.30 pm** when the business set out overleaf will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

Head of Democratic Services

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The proceedings at this meeting may be recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA

Item No:

1. Procedure

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes

To approve, and the Mayor to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 10 October 2006 (Item 1(b)(i)) (**Page 7**) and of the scheduled meeting of the Council held on 10 October 2006 (Item 1(b)(ii)) (**Pages 8 to 21**)

- (c) Disclosure of Interests

Members to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business to be transacted and officers to disclose any interest in contracts to be considered by the Council.

- (d) Announcements

To receive announcements, if any.

2. Public Involvement

- (a) Deputations and Petitions

No deputations have been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

Any petitions received will be reported at the meeting.

- (b) Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions and provide answers to questions from members of the public.

3. Business Remaining from Last Meeting

None

4. Reports from Cabinet and Committees

Cabinet – 7 November 2006

Cultural Strategy

RECOMMENDED –

That the Cultural Strategy be adopted.

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet is attached at Item 4a (**Pages 22 to 67**) and the report of the Cultural Strategy Working Group, established by the Learning and Development Policy Development Committee, also considered by the Cabinet, is attached at Item 4b (**Pages 68 to 74**).

(2)

Any change to the recommendation will be reported at the meeting.

5. Members' Matters

(a) Members' Questions

- (i) Members to ask questions of either the Leader, a Cabinet Member, the Chair of any Committee, or the Leader of a Political Group on the Council.
- (ii) Members to ask questions of the representative of the Police Authority appointed to answer questions, in accordance with Section 20 of the Police Act 1996 (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.5, 7 clear days notice is required for Police Authority questions).

(a) The following questions have been asked by Councillor I Henderson relating to the five family sized houses on the grounds of Newport Pagnell Police station:

- “1. For what periods of time has each of these houses been occupied over the last 3 years (detailed information for each dwelling please)?
- 2. What has it cost Thames Valley Police to maintain these houses over the last 3 years?
- 3. What income would have been received by Thames Valley Police if these houses had been let?
- 4. Will Thames Valley Police hand these houses to Milton Keynes Council to manage on its behalf so that local families may be housed and Thames Valley Police receive an income?”

(b) The following questions have been asked by Councillor E Henderson:

- “1. What is the ratio of police officers to population in Milton Keynes currently and what has the ratio been in each of the last ten years? (Please explain the sources of data used in the answer.)
- 2. What plans are Thames Valley Police making to ensure that the number of police officers in Milton Keynes keeps pace with population growth over the next ten years?”

(b) Notices of Motions

(i) B&Q Roundabout and Garage

Councillor Long – 29 October 2006

- “1. That this Council is concerned about the access problems into Central Bletchley and the delays in

addressing problems associated with the B&Q roundabout.

2. That this Council therefore agrees to ask the Cabinet to:
 - (a) bring forward proposals to improve the roundabout, and identify sufficient resources to commence work in the current financial year; and
 - (b) bring forward proposals to re-develop the central Bletchley Bus Garage at the earliest appropriate time.”

(ii) Budget 2007/08

Councillor Long – 29 October 2006

- “1. That this Council is concerned that the Cabinet’s budget process lacks clear priorities, as evidenced by the target of £9 million of cross departmental cuts agreed by Cabinet on the 12 June 2006.
2. That the Council agrees that the Cabinet should give priority to the following 8 service areas and that they should be the priority for extra resources:
 - (a) Safer Communities, including the funding of Community Safety Officers and Police Community Support Officers and the extension of CCTV to Central Bletchley;
 - (b) Children’s Social Services, including a £1 million contingency fund;
 - (c) Better Environment, including extra funding for roads, pavements, tackling graffiti and improved drainage;
 - (d) Increasing education standards, learning and skills, including libraries funding;
 - (e) Support for older people services including disabled adaptations, support to stay in peoples homes;
 - (f) Services for vulnerable adults including Mental Health Services and Learning Disability services;
 - (g) Addressing Social, Health and Economic inequalities across the Borough, through regeneration. social inclusion, public health, skills programmes and learning and children’s centres especially in the more deprived areas; and
 - (h) Public Transport.

3. That the Council further agrees:
 - (a) that the Cabinet should ensure the 2007/8 draft budget includes revenue funding 2.5% growth above inflation and demographic growth in each of the 8 priority areas; and
 - (b) that the regeneration should bring together revenue and capital resources including Housing Revenue Account and General Fund monies."

(iii) Strong and Prosperous Communities' White Paper

Councillor Long – 29 October 2006

(To be moved by Councillor Wilson)

- "1. That this Council welcomes the publication of the 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' White Paper.
2. That this Council agrees to ask Cabinet to introduce the following measures, which do not require Statute:
 - (a) Devolution of more powers, services and resources to Parish Councils throughout Milton Keynes giving local people a real opportunity to shape services to meet the needs of local areas;
 - (b) Resource Equalisation to ensure that the poorest communities are protected and provided with resources to do the job that local people want;
 - (c) The provision of small budgets to all Councillors to enable them, to respond direct to their local communities needs
 - (d) Extension of the scrutiny system to enable the local authority to scrutinise the work of all the local agencies more effectively; and
 - (e) Providing Parish Councils and local communities with the power to challenge the work and priorities of the local authority, through a 'Community Call for Action'."

(iv) Calverton Lane Travellers Site

Councillor Hoyle – 2 November 2006

- "1. That this Council notes that the Milton Keynes Partnership Committee's Planning Committee was due, on 7 November 2006, to determine an application submitted by this Council for an extension to the Calverton Lane Travellers Site, which if passed, would provide a housing density for tenants of the Council which is significantly less than that which the Government requires for other residential developments.

- 2, That the Council notes that the expenditure per plot is significantly higher than the amount being spent on the refurbishment of the Council's other tenants, and only 10 years after a previous refurbishment.
 3. That the Council notes that, following refurbishment, the tenants may be entitled to buy the plots under a Right to Buy, and thus prevent the Council from letting the plots to other Travellers.
 4. That the Council therefore agrees to request the Cabinet, even if the planning application was passed, to proceed with neither the Scheme, nor the application to the Department for Communities and Local Government for funding for the Scheme until it has been advised by the Environment and Social Care and Housing Policy Development Committees about the implications of:
 - (a) the relative densities of this site and other developments;
 - (b) the relative expenditure on the plots compared with that on other Council tenant properties;
 - (c) the maintenance liabilities;
 - (d) Right to Buy legislation; and
 - (e) offers of financial support to relocate the site.”
- (v) Tavistock Street, Bletchley - Road Closure

Councillor Dransfield – 2 November 2006

“That this Council notes the evidence supplied by Councillor Long that officers considered the closure of Tavistock Street to be impractical, and evidence of inconsistent consultation by the public at the last Council meeting, about the proposed closure of Tavistock Street and therefore agrees to request the Cabinet to suspend the closure of Tavistock Street until it has been advised by the Environment Policy Development Committee about the implications of the closure.”