

## **Annual Report from the Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee**

I am very pleased to be able to present this Annual Report on the work of the Executive Scrutiny Committee during 2015/16.

The Call-In process at Milton Keynes allows for Ward Councillors, Parish Councils and groups of at least twenty residents to challenge decisions made by the Executive. The ability to Call In decisions made by the Executive supports an open and transparent decision making process and allows Councillors, Parish Councillors and residents to be able to engage and hold the Council to account.

The procedure includes a mediation process which allows for clarification of points about the decision and the reasons for the Call-In and for the agreement of any points before the Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting.

The Committee has the power to:

- (a) refer the matter back to the Cabinet, as the decision taker for consideration, with reasons and recommendations;
- (b) not refer the matter back (but make recommendations as to process);  
or
- (c) refer its views directly to the Council for consideration and comment back to the Cabinet.

During the year, the Committee received two call-ins; one from Councillors Bint and Walker with reference to a decision taken for the creation of additional car parking spaces in Central Milton Keynes, the other being a call-in of the Cabinet's decision to approve the Draft Strategic Development Options Consultation Document by Councillor McLean, 14 Town and Parish Councils and a number of groups of residents.

In both cases the Decisions were ratified by the Executive Scrutiny Committee, although with the second item, the Draft Strategic Development Options Consultation Document, Committee referred some points of process back to the Cabinet as "lessons learned". Further details of the call-ins are given overleaf.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended or contributed to the Executive Scrutiny process over the year. Input from councillors, the public, officers and representatives of organisations have all been invaluable in assisting our approach to challenging proposals and reaching our conclusions.

**Councillor Paul Alexander**  
**Chair, Executive Scrutiny Committee**  
**March 2016**

**EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY PANEL - ITEMS CALLED IN COUNCIL YEAR  
2015/16**

<b>Decision Meeting</b>	<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Called in By</b>	<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Report Sponsor</b>	<b>Report Author</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Delegated Decision of 13 October 2015	Creation of Additional Parking Spaces – Peak Permit	Cllrs Bint and Walker	Cllr Clifton	A Rose - Service Director - Planning and Transport	S Bailey - Parking Strategy and Implementation Manager	Ratified by Executive Scrutiny Committee on 4/11/15
Cabinet 9 November 2015	Draft Strategic Development Options Consultation Document	Councillor McLean, Olney & CMK Town Councils and 12 Parish Councils and several groups of residents	Cllr Legg	A Rose - Service Director - Planning and Transport	F Robinson - Senior Planning Officer	Ratified by Executive Scrutiny Committee on 2/12/15 but actions to note forwarded to Cabinet