

Minutes of the meeting of the CABINET held on TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016 at 6.30 pm

**Present:** Councillors Marland (Chair),  
Councillors Clifton, Gifford, Gowans, Legg, Long, Middleton and Nolan

**Officers:** C Mills (Chief Executive), M Bracey (Corporate Director - People), T Hannam (Corporate Director - Resources), D Sharkey (Corporate Director - Place), T Blackburne-Maze (Service Director [Public Realm]), A Rose (Service Director [Planning, Communities and Infrastructure]), S Bridglalsingh (Acting Service Director [Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer]), L Ellen (Acting Service Director [Housing and Community]), A Taplin (Revenues Operations Manager), J Cheston (Interim Development Plans Team Leader) and S Muir (Committee Manager)

**Apology:** Councillor O'Neill

**Also Present:** Councillors Bald, Brackenbury, Crooks, D Hopkins, Ferrans, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, Morris, Petchey, C Williams and P Williams and circa 50 members of the public.

**C37 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 July 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**C38 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No interests were disclosed.

**C39 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

(a) Question from Mr B O'Shea to Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration)

Mr O'Shea referring to Agenda Item 13, Revisions to Capital Programme and Spend Approvals asked Councillor Long to confirm that the Tweed Drive Public Open Space would be withdrawn from the development project and that there would be no further expenditure or associated works either on-site or in planning for development of this site.

Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration) indicated that to date no money had been

spent although invoices were due to be received for some preliminary work that had been carried out.

Councillor Long also indicated that he had met with the residents of Tweed Drive and had detailed discussions about Tweed Drive with them and that he would address the matter further at Item 13 in the Agenda.

- (b) Question from Professor B Whatmore to Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration)

Professor Whatmore, referring to Agenda Item 13, Revisions to Capital Programme and Spend Approvals, indicated that there was strong evidence that the space lying between Tweed Drive and The Don had been well used by the local residents for recreation over the last 40 years, which had been acknowledged by West Bletchley Council in 2015, and that the negative feeling over the proposed development had been clearly expressed by local residents. Professor Whatmore also referred to the land having a covenant upon it, restricting its use to "Public Open Space" which had been accepted by the Council in 1998 when the land was transferred to its care from the New Towns Commission. Professor Whatmore asked that the Cabinet instructed that the land be designated as Public Open Space in the new Plan:MK, which was under preparation.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that the designation of land was not a Cabinet Decision but was for Council and the Planning Inspector to decide.

Councillor Marland also indicated that residents could investigate the process to apply for Village Green status.

- (c) Question from Mr D Clarke to Councillor Long ((Interim Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration)

Mr Clarke referring to Agenda Item 13, Revisions to Capital Programme and Spend Approvals asked if the reason for the expected removal of Tweed Drive was only due to the covenants protecting the land, and in asking the question suggested that the Delegated Decision taken on the 19 July was flawed as it did not disclose all the relevant facts and also did not refer to the earlier Delegated Decision of 15 June 2015 that opposed the inclusion of this site in any development plans.

Councillor Long (Interim Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration) indicated that when Delegated Decision had been made on the 19 July 2016 he was not aware of the inclusion of Tweed Drive or of the covenant.

- (d) Question from Mr I House to Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration)

Mr House referring to Agenda Item 13, Revisions to Capital Programme and Spend Approvals, which included Ashfield Stantonbury as a potential site for new Council housing build, indicated that he understood that as part of the previous year's site allocation programme the Council withdrew certain sites, including Ashfield, from the list. Mr House asked if this meant that Council approval would be needed before any development could take place. Mr House also asked for confirmation that the Cabinet was planning to withdraw the green space in Ashfield from the list of sites that were put forward for development as a result of the Delegated Decision taken on 19 July 2016.

Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration) indicated that he was aware of resident's views and had taken these into consideration and would be proposing to include a recommendation to withdraw Ashfield Green from the list of sites at the relevant item on the Agenda.

**C40**

#### **REVIEW OF THE CITY STREET AND SURROUNDING NETWORK IN THE EASTERN EXPANSION AREA**

The Cabinet considered an item submitted by Councillor Crooks which asked Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm) to provide an update on the implementation of the measures agreed by a Delegated Decision on 7 April 2015 relating to a review of the operation of the city street and surrounding network in the Eastern Expansion Area.

It was reported that since November 2015, £50,000 had been identified within the Traffic Management capital budget to assist with reviewing the proposals to change and improve the highway assets in the area. Officer colleagues had started work on reviewing the proposed changes to traffic regulations and engaging with Places for People on issues that affected their planning consent for the area.

Councillor Crooks, in presenting his item, outlined a list of issues which had been outstanding for a considerable time despite repeated requests that these be implemented as quickly as possible. These issues included:

- The opening up of Fen Street to be approved by Cabinet
- A request to implement the outstanding Traffic Orders in Newport Road by the end of September
- Publication of the consultants' report on Countess Way
- The completion of Fen Street across Broughton brook to be included in the draft Capital Programme for 2017/18

Councillor Gowans, (Cabinet member for Public Realm) outlined the actions that had been taken or were being proposed to be taken to resolve what was a very complex set of issues and confirmed that

the Traffic Orders referred to in the report were in the process of being implemented.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that reports on progressing the actions taken should be supplied to the Cabinet on a regular basis and undertook that the Cabinet would consider a report at its next meeting in October.

Councillor Marland also indicated that funding was actively being sought to resolve the issues about Broughton Brook Bridge.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Morris who indicated her support for the points made by Councillor Crooks, and two members of the public during consideration of the item.

The Cabinet noted the progress to date of the Eastern Expansion Area City Street and surrounding network review and that further updates of the progress of the action plan would be provided, including a report to its next meeting in October.

**C41**

### **FLOODING AT WOBURN SANDS**

The Cabinet considered an item submitted by Councillor D Hopkins in connection with recent flooding issues in Woburn Sands which included a request for officers to be asked to carry out a programme of investigation and design works to ascertain how Woburn Sands could be protected from further flooding and in parallel, to use the budget process to identify resources to both fund the investigation and implementation of a scheme that included a regular programme of drain inspection and clearance which also included a regime to provide a rapid response to reports of blocked drains or ineffective drainage paths.

Councillor Gowans, the responsible Cabinet member, indicated that the Council had already investigated surface water flood risks within the Surface Water Management Plan with partner agencies and neighbouring local authorities, which included historical data that informed the programme of drain clearance.

Councillor Gowans also indicated that the Surface Water Management Plan had identified that further investigative work was required to assess mitigating actions, but that there was no budget available from the Council to progress this.

Councillor Gowans further indicated that many flooding issues in the Woburn Sands area were often caused by rainfall run off from the Central Bedfordshire Council area, therefore liaison with that local authority was required and in addition, more frequent drainage clearance on a "needs" basis should be carried out as the drains silted up.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Cabinet) indicated that instances of flooding were becoming a more regular occurrence, especially in older parts of the borough such as Wolverton and Woburn Sands

where the drains were many years old and sometimes could not cope with current levels of rainfall.

The Cabinet received the written response from Councillor Gowans, (Cabinet member for Public Realm) and noted the actions being taken.

**C42                    BOW BRICKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL ADVISORY 20 MPH AND FOOTWAY PARKING PROHIBITION**

The Cabinet considered an item submitted by Councillor D Hopkins in connection with an Advisory 20 MPH and Footway Parking Prohibition at Bow Brickhill Primary School.

Councillor Hopkins further invited the Cabinet to adopt a “20’s Plenty” policy when considering road safety issues impacting on schools across the Borough.

Councillors Hopkins thanked officer colleagues for their site visit and suggested that future planning applications when pursued by developers could include S106 contributions to support road safety and solutions to parking issues at schools.

The Cabinet received the written response from Councillor Gowans, (Cabinet member for Public Realm) and noted the actions being taken.

**C43                    HERTSMERE LEISURE AT WESTCROFT, TATTENHOE AND FURZTON PAVILLIONS**

The Cabinet considered an item submitted by Councillors Bald and Ganatra which highlighted issues and concerns with regard to the day to day management by Hertsmere Leisure of Westcroft, Tattenhoe and Furzton Pavillions.

Councillor Bald in presenting the item indicated that she was very disappointed with the service being provided to residents at various leisure facilities being managed by Hertsmere Leisure Trust which had resulted in some cases with activity providers moving to other community facilities. Councillor Bald also indicated that she would be asking the Audit Committee to review the overall contract with Hertsmere Leisure as she had concerns about the financial management of the assets in the contract.

With reference to the request for a review by the Audit Committee, Councillor Gifford (the responsible Cabinet member) welcomed this and indicated that the Chief Executive Officer of the Trust would be happy to share financial details and reminded the Cabinet that the Trust was already audited by the Charity Commission.

With reference to the proposal to turn to the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process for a management solution, Councillor Gifford indicated that the requests for facilities to be included in the CAT scheme could be reconsidered.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) supported Hertsmere Leisure Trust being invited to Audit Committee.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Ganatra, Geaney and C Williams and one member of the public who expressed concerns about Health and Safety monitoring, cleaning and redecoration at the sites and supported the points made by Councillor Bald.

The Cabinet noted the written response from Councillor Gifford (Cabinet member for Place), the actions that were being undertaken and supported inviting Hertsmere Leisure Trust to attend the Audit Committee.

**C44**

### **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS**

- (a) Question from Councillor D Hopkins to Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor D Hopkins, referring to a survey of residents in Caldecotte when many had complained about the increasing numbers of vermin around Caldecotte Lake, asked Councillor Gowans to arrange a vermin clearance at the lake and also for details of how pest control responsibilities were managed by the Council and other agencies.

Councillor Gowans indicated that he would supply a written response to be shared with all councillors.

- (b) Question from Councillor D Hopkins to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor D Hopkins referring to recent reports in the Railway Engineering press with regard to the progress of the East / West Rail Project, asked Councillor Marland if the project was still a priority, was proceeding on time and whether the concerns of Milton Keynes Council about the importance of the project to the future of Milton Keynes had been made clear to the Government.

Councillor Marland indicated that the project was an important part of the MK Futures Programme and that he had spoken during the summer to the National Infrastructure Commission chaired by Lord Adonis and had made it clear that the funding and delivery allocations, which included solutions to the 7 level crossings at Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill, for this project must be confirmed.

Councillor Marland also indicated that the Council had clearly positioned itself as part of the MK Futures Programme as being at the heart of the Oxford - Milton Keynes - Cambridge growth corridor. The East / West Rail Link was also central to the hub of local authorities in the SEMLEP area. Additionally, Milton Keynes itself would benefit from the completed East / West Rail Link as it was anticipated that Bletchley Station could potentially be the busiest station in the UK.

Councillor Marland also stressed the importance of monitoring the delivery company to keep the project programme on track as it was a strategic project of national importance.

**C45**

#### **COUNCIL 13 JULY 2016**

The Cabinet considered recommendations from the Council's meeting of 13 July 2016 when it requested that the Cabinet redoubled its efforts to promote diversity and integration across the borough of Milton Keynes and agreed to:

- (i) take the steps necessary to tackle racist, xenophobic and criminal behaviour, including the publication of the process for reporting such crimes; and
- (ii) work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia."

In addition to his written response, Councillor Marland indicated that a number of serious crimes of a racist nature had been carried out nationally, but Milton Keynes was a highly diversified place where most residents could be described as immigrants, whether first second or third generation, to the borough and to date, no reports of these types of crimes had been received locally.

Councillor Marland also indicated that everyone had a personal responsibility to report any racist, xenophobic and criminal behaviour to eradicate this type of behaviour.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Bald and C Williams during consideration of the item.

The Cabinet noted the actions being taken to promote diversity and integration across the borough.

**C46**

#### **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ON 14 JULY**

The Cabinet considered recommendations from the Housing and Community Committee which were presented by the Committee's Chair, Councillor C Williams.

Councillor C Williams indicated that the Committee had particular concerns with regard to the numbers of empty buildings in Milton Keynes and whether or not any of them might be suitable for conversion to temporary accommodation for the homeless as a temporary solution during the winter months.

Councillor C Williams also indicated that the Committee had noted the Cabinet's plans to develop a Rough Sleepers Strategy, but was concerned that a completion date of March 2017 could endanger the lives of local rough sleepers by not providing assistance soon enough and asked that this be brought forward to 31 December 2016.

Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration) indicated that it was anticipated that the plans to regenerate the YMCA would assist in alleviating the issues of temporary accommodation within Milton Keynes and that the Cabinet had already commented on the list of empty buildings.

Councillor Long also indicated that an item to consider non-statutory homeless people would be discussed in more detail later on the agenda.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that a review was being carried out into the role of Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) with regard to consideration being given, in certain circumstances, to MKDP selling land at below market value in order to provide land for the development of social housing at an affordable level.

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

The Cabinet received the written response from Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults) and noted the actions that were to be taken.

**C47**

#### **BUDGET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 19 JULY 2016**

The Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Budget Scrutiny Committee of 26 July 2016 with reference to that Committee's concerns about potential overspend identified in the Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report to the end of March which were presented by the Chair, Councillor Brackenbury.

Councillor Brackenbury highlighted the overspend at the end of the 2015/16 financial year, that further information requested by the Committee on proposed savings had not been achieved on time, the robustness of the budget overall and how the reasons for not achieving the anticipated savings were used to inform future savings. Councillor Brackenbury also requested that a more detailed overview of the Council's reserves be included in future reports.

Councillor Middleton, the responsible Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation, thanked the Budget Scrutiny Committee for its work and indicated that it was becoming increasingly difficult to deliver the millions of pounds worth of savings required and referred to the Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report to the end of August 2016 that would be considered later in the agenda, which listed the savings that had not been delivered.

Councillor Middleton also indicated that the level of reserves was managed by the Council's Section 151 Officer and that concerns about the overspends had been raised, but the overspends were mainly the result of a sharp increase in the need to provide temporary accommodation, which would be considered later in the agenda.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that the Council was required to hold sufficient Reserves at reasonable levels to deal with any unforeseen issues.

The Cabinet received the written response from Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources and Regeneration) and noted the actions that were to be taken.

**C48**

### **COUNCIL 20 JULY 2016 - ROUGH SLEEPERS**

Further to Minute CL46 of the Council meeting of 20 July 2016, the Cabinet considered the recommendation that it brought forward a policy to the September meeting of the Council to cover the provision of basic accommodation, sanitary facilities and support to rough sleepers, with implementation starting no later than the beginning of October 2016.

Councillor C Williams (Chair of Housing and Community Committee) indicated that he was very concerned about the increase in numbers of rough sleepers and how they would be dealt with and noted that an item had been included later in the agenda "Meeting the Needs of Non-Statutory Homeless People" to consider this.

The Cabinet received the written a response from Councillor Long, the responsible Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration and who also confirmed that the item "Meeting the Needs of Non-Statutory Homeless People" included the issue of Rough Sleepers, would be considered later on the agenda.

**C49**

### **SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 26 JULY 2016**

The Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Scrutiny Management Committee of 26 July 2016 with reference to the Future Working programme, which were presented by the Committee's Vice Chair, Councillor D Hopkins.

Councillor D Hopkins thanked Councillor Middleton for his detailed written response and noted that the project would deliver a cost reduction and was anticipated to also deliver additional income.

Councillor Middleton, the responsible Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation, thanked the Scrutiny Management Committee for its report and indicated that it was anticipated that further efficiencies would be realised by close project management and using more efficient IT software.

Councillor Middleton also indicated that the Air Conditioning issues at various sites across the Council were being reviewed separately and were not included in the Future Working Programme.

Councillor Middleton further indicated that it was anticipated that any accommodation freed up by the project would be offered to the third sector, schools, libraries and charities and that equipment would be recycled, before disposal was considered.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillor Bald who indicated her concerns about the costs of the project at a time when the Council was trying to resolve homelessness issues.

The Cabinet received the written a response from Councillor Middleton and noted the actions that were to be taken.

**C50**

### **PROPOSED PUBLICATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN**

The Cabinet considered approving the Site Allocations Plan which was required by the 2013 Core Strategy and was intended to provide a short-term boost to housing land supply by allocating a range of brownfield and smaller sites to complement the larger strategic expansion areas that made up the bulk of housing land in Milton Keynes.

It was reported that following an Issues & Options consultation in September 2014 and an Emerging Preferred Options consultation in October 2015, a draft version of the final Plan was now ready for publication. It was proposed that Cabinet recommended to Council that the draft Plan be published for consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations and then submitted to the Secretary of State for examination under Regulation 22 of the same regulations.

Councillor Gifford, the responsible Cabinet member, explained that where sites had encountered no significant level of public concern and already benefited from an adopted development brief, the draft Plan would generally grant 'permission in principle'. This was a new mechanism introduced by the Housing & Planning Act 2016 whereby the process of granting planning permission was streamlined. Sites that were granted 'permission in principle' through the Site Allocations Plan would not need an outline or full application to be permitted before development can start. Instead, they would require an application for 'Technical Details Consent' to ensure that the key principles for the site's delivery (the 'prescribed particulars') were addressed by the proposals.

Councillor Gifford also clarified that should Cabinet and Council agree the recommendations, then an 8 week consultation would be carried out and Site Allocations Plan would submitted to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that garage sites at Rowle Close Stantonbury should be investigated with a view to being considered for possible redevelopment and that in putting forward schemes for development, Developers must be required to have due regard to Heritage issues.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council be recommended to publish the draft Site Allocations Plan for eight weeks' consultation and then submission to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Place, be authorised, in consultation with the Service Director for Planning and Transport, to make any necessary minor amendments to the Site Allocations Plan and supporting documents following the consultation.
3. That the Cabinet Member for Place, be authorised, in consultation with the Service Director for Planning and Transport, to suggest any necessary modifications to the Site Allocations Plan during the examination process to secure its soundness, in accordance with the findings of the Planning Inspector and subject to any necessary public consultation.
4. That the garage sites at Rowle Close Stantonbury be investigated with a view to being considered for possible redevelopment.
5. That in putting forward schemes for development, Developers be required to have due regard to Heritage issues.

C51

**MEETING THE NEEDS OF NON-STATUTORY HOMELESS PEOPLE**

The Cabinet considered a draft policy with regard to the needs of the non-statutory homeless, which addressed the priority in the Council Plan 2016 - 20 as approved by the Council at its meeting on 8 June 2016.

It was reported that the Council would be taking the lead to establish a Homelessness Partnership with the voluntary sector to co-ordinate support services for non-statutory homeless people to ensure that both services were accessible and gaps in existing provision were identified.

It was also reported that it was aimed to establish a 'one-stop shop' style service to assist all those in danger of homelessness and support those in crisis which would be in conjunction with the development of a Rough Sleeping Action Plan, which would seek to address the provision of emergency facilities and support for those in crisis, and provide services such as an outreach service, an emergency short-term crisis shelter and sanitary facilities.

Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration) indicated that it was anticipated that while the Council would lead on the task it would be supported and guided by a variety of organisations currently working with homeless persons (statutory

and non-statutory) to access their expertise as this would lead to far less duplication of effort and resources.

Councillor Long also indicated that in the short term, support for the continuation of the Winter Night Shelter and the need for alternative accommodation in Central Milton Keynes needed to be resolved before winter set in. Councillor Long also anticipated that the provision of temporary accommodation would ameliorate the issues of rough sleeping and the use of tents, which were unsafe.

Conciliar Marland (Leader of the Council) indicated that he would be attending a meeting of the Milton Keynes Development Partnership Board on 12 September 2016 and was anticipating that it would be agreed that the empty former Bus Station building at the Station Square could be used as a temporary emergency Winter Night Shelter at least until March 2017.

Councillor Marland also indicated that Milton Keynes was the first local authority in England and Wales to bring forward a positive approach to tackling Homelessness issues and that the dates included in the plans were final dates and would not slip.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Ferrans, Geaney and C Williams who supported the proposal for the exploration of options for the provision of emergency support for those without accommodation, and from four members of the public, during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Council lead on bringing together a range of partners with professional expertise in the homelessness and support sector to form the MK Homelessness Partnership (the Partnership), to work together to prevent and alleviate homelessness for non-statutory homeless people.
2. That the Partnership be required to ensure that an evidence driven and professional approach is taken to tackle housing and homelessness issues and the support required in this area.
3. That the Partnership be required to lead and co-ordinate services for non-statutory homeless people including advice, information and assistance; bringing together help and support into a 'One Stop Shop' style of delivery.
4. That the Council facilitate, assist and support the Partnership in its endeavours.
5. That the Partnership in the first three months ensure:
  - (i) That the Terms of Reference are agreed;
  - (ii) Clarity of working and delivery arrangements

- (iii) That a Homelessness Charter that will set out how all organisations will work together to tackle homelessness in Milton Keynes is agreed;
  - (iv) That an analysis of any gaps in provision to meet the needs of non-statutory homeless people is undertaken; and
  - (v) An initial, costed proposal is brought forward for consideration by the Cabinet in December 2016 detailing how best to support the aims of supporting non-statutory homeless people.
6. That the Council explore the options for the provision of emergency support for those without accommodation including sanitary facilities and an outreach assessment service.
7. That the Council explore the options for the provision of emergency short term shelter for those in crisis and requiring immediate support.

**C52**

#### **CMK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Cabinet considered a proposal that had been received from Milton Keynes City Centre Management [MKCCM] to establish a Business Improvement District [BID] in the Central Milton Keynes Area. If successful, the BID would be known as Amazing CMK.

It was reported that, if established, it was anticipated that the BID would generate additional income to be managed and spent by the BID proposer to deliver services for the enhancement of the BID area over and above those currently provided by the Council.

It was also reported that on 4 July 2016, in accordance with Regulation 3(2) of the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004, the BID proposer served notification to the Secretary of State of its intention to request the billing authority to proceed to put the BID proposal to a ballot.

Councillor Gifford, the responsible Cabinet member for Place, indicated that the enhancements proposed would be of benefit to both businesses and visitors alike. Strategically, these enhancements would assist the Council in achieving the goals of creating a safer, mobile, intelligent and amazing city.

Councillor Gifford also indicated that authority would be delegated to the Corporate Director – Place, to make all decisions on behalf of the Council in connection with, and during the BID Proposal statutory process, including agreement of the costs payable by the BID company, entering into an Operating Agreement to confirm agreed arrangements and a Baseline Agreement for the Provision of Standard Services.

Councillor Marland, Leader of the Council, thanked the Milton Keynes City Centre Management for its work in bringing the BID proposal forward.

The Cabinet also heard from Councillors Ferrans and P Williams during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That support for the Central Milton Keynes Business Improvement District (BID), given it will deliver a range of benefits to Milton Keynes primarily by encouraging increased investment in the Central area and through enhancing the BID area for businesses and visitors alike, be noted.
2. That it be confirmed that the BID Proposal does not conflict to a material extent with the Council's adopted, published policies, nor does it warrant the use of a veto for any other reason under Regulation 12 of the BID Regulations 2004(England).
3. That by virtue of the Council not identifying a conflict, it be noted that the Council is obliged to instruct the Returning Officer to hold a 28 day ballot on behalf of the Business Improvement District Proposer, with the final day of the ballot being 28 February 2017.
4. That the Council's stated position be to vote 'yes' when the Council owned properties in the BID area are balloted.
5. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director – Place, to make all decisions on behalf of the Council in connection with, and during the BID Proposal statutory process including agreement of the costs payable by the BID company, entering into an Operating Agreement to confirm agreed arrangements and a Baseline Agreement for the Provision of Standard Services.

**C53 REVISIONS TO CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND SPEND APPROVALS REPORT**

The Cabinet considered Spend Approvals for schemes in the 2015/16 Capital Programme and amendments to existing schemes within the Programme.

It was noted that changes outlined in the report would result in a revised Capital Programme for 2016/17 of £307.77m, for which £115.1m of spend approval had been given to enable individual projects to commence or continue.

Councillor Middleton the responsible Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation, highlighted new schemes which included Artificial Grass Pitch enhancements at Tattenhoe Pavilion and the purchase and installation of additional infrastructure to support Ultra Low

Emission Vehicles that would be funded from the Go Ultra Low Government Grant and would be completed during 2016 - 2018.

Councillor Long, the Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration indicated that following meetings with residents and a review of the sites designated for development, Cabinet intended that the Tweed Drive, West Bletchley site and the Ashfield site, Stantonbury, should be excluded from future development as they were highly valued long standing open spaces. The £0.6m for the Ashfield site in 2016/17 and £1.54m in 2017/18 would be used to acquire more Council houses to meet the needs of families in housing need or facing homelessness.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) in response to requests to make open space sites "Village Greens", indicated that the responsibility for the allocation of land throughout Milton Keynes was through Plan:MK and also that residents could make applications for the designation of land as a "Village Greens" through a process managed by the Council's Regulatory Committee.

The Cabinet heard from Councillors Geaney and Middleton and a member of the public during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED -

1. That both the Tweed Drive, West Bletchley site and the Ashfield site, Stantonbury be excluded from future development as they were highly valued long standing open spaces and that the £0.6m for the Ashfield site in 2016/17 and £1.54m in 2017/18 be used to acquire more Council houses to meet the needs of families in housing need or facing homelessness.
2. That the additions to resource allocation and spend approvals for the 2016/17 Capital Programme be approved.
3. That the amended resource allocation and spend approvals for the 2016/17 Capital Programme be approved.
4. That the amended resource allocation and spend approvals for the 2016/17 Capital Programme approved by delegated decisions on the 5 July and 19 July 2016 be noted.
5. That the revised funding position for the 2016/17 Capital Programme be noted.
6. That the amended resource allocation and spend approvals for the 2016/17 Tariff Programme be approved.
7. That the current position of the 2016/17 Tariff Programme be noted

**REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - TO  
END OF AUGUST 2016**

The Cabinet considered provisional outturn for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Dedicated Schools Grant.

The Cabinet noted the:

- (a) predicted General Fund revenue outturn was an overspend of £2.103m after the use of £2.779m of one-off resources, which was an increase in the overspend of £1.306m since Period 3;
- (b) Dedicated Schools Grant was reporting a forecast overspend of £1.048m against budget, an increase in overspend of £0.555m since Period 3;
- (c) Housing Revenue Account was reporting a (£0.941m) surplus; and
- (d) Capital Programme had spend approvals of £270.389m, with an outturn of £105.095m, an overall variation of (£3.328m).

Councillor Middleton the responsible Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation, referred to the overspends in the Housing and Community and Children and Families budgets caused by the demands for temporary accommodation and the increasing numbers of children in care, together with increased home to school transport costs.

Councillor Middleton also indicated his disappointment that the overspend of £2.103m had increased since the previous period and asked the Section 151 Officer to provide a written explanation of this.

Councillor Long, Cabinet member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults, was pleased to note that Adult Social Care services were reporting a reduction in forecast expenditure due to reductions in Elderly Mental Health nursing placements and additional self-funder client contributions. As a result of more vulnerable people being supported to stay in their own homes.

**RESOLVED -**

1. That the current forecast outturn of £2.013m, after the use of (£2.779m) of one-off resources and the mitigating management actions which are currently underway be noted.
2. That the forecast outturn for the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account, and the 2016/17 Capital and Tariff Programmes be noted.

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.51 PM**