

# PARTNERSHIPS AND GROWTH SELECT COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE 2010**

**7.30 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES  
CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES**

**A G E N D A**

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Chair: Councillor P Geary(Chair)  
Councillors: Bradburn, Long(Vice-Chair), D McCall, Morris, Tamagnini-Barbosa(Vice-Chair), Wharton, White and Zealley

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## **What is Overview and Scrutiny?**

Each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements.

Each select committee has its own remit as set out in its terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

They have a number of key roles:

1. Providing a critical friend challenge to policy makers and decision makers
2. Enabling the voice and concerns of the public
3. Driving improvement in public services.

The select committees consider issues by receiving information from and questioning officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals or practices. They then develop recommendations to provide to officers, Members or external partners that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations.

As select committees have no executive powers they often present their conclusions in the form of recommendations that can be provided to the Council, elected Members or other external agencies. Members will often request a formal response and progress report on the implementation of recommendations that they have provided to various parties.

## **Attending Meetings of Select Committees**

Meetings of the select committees are held in public and are open for everyone to attend. If you would like to attend then please just turn up but if you can then let us know you are attending in advance of the meeting and whether or not you would like to make a representation to Members on behalf of yourself or others.

If there are specific issues that the meeting must consider in private then they will be asked to consider this at the meeting.

After the meeting the recommendations and Minutes of the meeting, as well as agendas and reports for the majority of the Council's public meetings are available via the Council's website at:

[\(http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cmiswebpublic/\)](http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cmiswebpublic/).

## The Council's Six Strategic Aims

1. **Improve attainment and safeguard children** - working to narrow the gap between those who do well and those who do not, whilst raising expectations of what all children and young people can achieve.
2. **Encourage all sections of our community to get along well together and to make a positive contribution** - promote and support a strong cohesive community that will allow individuals to contribute within it.
3. **Create an environment in which we all feel safe** - working towards a safer community free from crime, discrimination and health related issues.
4. **Develop an economy with a sustainable and long-term future** - providing Milton Keynes a firm foundation for continued growth for businesses and housing.
5. **Improve health and ensure a high quality of life for all aspects of the community** - ensuring everyone in Milton Keynes has the opportunity and support they need.
6. **Develop sustainable transport solutions** - ensuring movement around Milton Keynes meets the requirements for present and future growth to allow easy mobility around the Borough.

## Terms of Reference

1. To scrutinise the role, performance and effectiveness of the Local Strategic Partnership.
2. To scrutinise the role, performance and effectiveness of the Thematic Partnerships which report to the Local Strategic Partnership.
3. To monitor the delivery of the Local Area Agreement.
4. To review progress against the Sustainable Community Strategy and related documents.
5. To contribute to the development of future versions of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
6. To review the involvement of the Council in other strategic partnerships to ensure that the relationship adds value to the social, environmental, or economic well-being of the citizens of Milton Keynes.
7. To monitor progress in the delivery of the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Plan.
8. To scrutinise the work of the Milton Keynes Partnership.
9. To seek to ensure that the anticipated needs and aspirations of future Milton Keynes' residents are met in the planning and delivery of new developments.
10. To liaise with other appropriate scrutiny bodies in neighbouring local authorities on issues of growth in the areas adjacent to Milton Keynes' boundaries.

11. To scrutinise the involvement of the Council in regional and national organisations to ensure that the involvement provides value and benefit to Milton Keynes.
12. To conduct such other scrutiny of partnerships, growth and regional and national issues as may arise from time to time, whilst recognising that the scrutiny of growth, partnership working and regional and national issues will form a fundamental part of the work of other Select Committees when considering matters under their remits.

## AGENDA

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Apologies**

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

Members and officers to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business to be transacted.

**4. Minutes**

To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Partnerships and Growth Select Committee held on 6 April 2010 (Item 4) (**Pages 7 to 12**).

**5. Presentations - Corporate Director - Strategy and Partnerships and Corporate Director - Environment**

To receive presentations from the Corporate Director – Strategy and Partnerships and Corporate Director – Environment.

**6. Enabling the Development of CMK**

To consider Item 6 (**Pages 13 to 20**).

**7. Work Programme**

The Select Committee's Work Programme, which has been agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, is attached for consideration (Item 7) (**Pages 21 to 22**).

