

## **Annex D – Milton Keynes Key Cases**

### **Hertsmere**

As set out in report.

### **Mental Health**

A whistleblow referral that highlighted concerns regarding the excessive and nepotistic use of temps and consultants. No direct allegations of service concerns. Preliminary work confirmed formal business cases for service restructure and some detailed work in progress to verify use of temps etc consistent with the approved business case. Work ongoing.

### **Voids**

Investigation requested by the Director Place regarding long-term empty properties and the disposal of Council HRA properties and the sale of Council properties No fraud found but a number of control weaknesses were identified. Some improvements built into the YourMK Business Plan and a follow up audit is scheduled.

### **Community Transport**

This was a WB referral that the Community Transport service was unsafe and not legally compliant. The report highlighted notable weaknesses in the processes, procedures and organisation of the service however evidence was not found the service was unsafe. The service has lacked organisation and structure since the transfer to MKC in September 2014.

### **Creative Lettings**

Council property was let out knowingly via a lettings agency as a private property. Original vulnerable Council client was prevented from residing at her address during this sublet. One person has pleaded guilty and one is awaiting trial.

### **North Crawley**

Allegation via audit committee that tenant had more than one property and other RTB interests. Checks undertaken did not reveal anything to indicate that Milton Keynes Council has been furnished with false information or that there has been a failure to notify a change in personal or financial circumstances.

### **Oke**

A payroll to payroll NFI match has identified an alleged employee fraud whereby the employee is working full time for both Bedford and Milton Keynes as a concierge.

### **IT – Kilkenny House**

An employee was caught on camera allegedly stealing cash from a client. The employee has subsequently attempted suicide and is an inpatient at the Campbell centre.

### **Housing recovery and actual savings**

- 138 North Tenth Street – calculated to have saved **£4175** based upon the current MKC 167 days average stay in a PSL of this type. This is net of benefit payments to housing.
- 272 Farmborough – Calculated to have saved **£5428** based upon the current MKC 167 days average stay in a PSL of this type. This is net of benefit payments to housing.
- 13 Harkness Close - Calculated to have saved **£4223** based upon the current MKC 167 days average stay in a PSL of this type. This is net of benefit payments to housing.

### **Housing Sublet and Housing Options**

There are a further 2 allocation and 2 sublet housing cases being investigated by the team currently

### **Dismissal**

An employee was dismissed for fraudulently using a car share permit

### **Final Written Warning x 2**

- Employee was using car share bays after her car share partner left work. There were significant mitigating factors that prevented dismissal.
- Employee fraudulently amended a parking scratch card on 2 occasions to revive free parking. AD decision not to dismiss due to mitigation.