



Minutes of the ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2013 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor White (Mayor)
Councillors Alexander, Bald, Barney, Bint, Brackenbury, Bradburn, Bramall, Brock, M Burke, S Burke, Coventry, Dransfield, Eastman, Edwards, Exon, Ferrans, A Geary, P Geary Jury, Hawthorn, Hopkins, Hoyle, Legg, Long, Maric, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McDonald, McKenzie, McLean, Middleton, Miles, Morris, O'Neill, Richards, Shafiq, Small, Tallack, Wales, Wallis, Webb, Wharton, C Williams, P Williams and Zealley

Alderpersons Connor and Howell

Apologies: Councillors, Brunning, Kennedy and Klein and Alderpersons Bristow, Ellis, Hardwick, E Henderson, I Henderson and Lloyd

Also Present: 40 members of the public

CL05 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 20 March 2013, be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

CL06 ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor introduced Stephen Gerrard to the Council, who would be the Council's interim Head of Legal Services.

CL07 SCHEME FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

In accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor ruled that the Council should consider this item as an urgent item in order to facilitate the appointment of the Deputy Mayor.

The Council accordingly considered amending the Scheme for the Appointment of the Deputy Mayor, on a one off basis to recognise the exceptional circumstances which have resulted in the Conservative Group not being able to accept the nomination.

Councillor D McCall moved and Councillor A Geary seconded the following motion:

“That, recognising the exceptional circumstances this year, and as an exception for this year only:

- (a) the requirement that the Group declining the nomination to be deducted 51 points be waived; and
- (b) the Liberal Democrat Group as the Group nominating the Deputy Mayor be deducted 51 points.”

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That, recognising the exceptional circumstances this year, and as an exception for this year only:

- (a) the requirement that the Group declining the nomination to be deducted 51 points be waived; and
- (b) the Liberal Democrat Group as the Group nominating the Deputy Mayor be deducted 51 points.

CL08

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Further to Minute CL04 of the meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2013, and in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor ruled that the Council should consider this item as an urgent item in order to appoint the Deputy Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor D McCall and seconded by Councillor A Geary, that Councillor Subhan Shafiq be appointed Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council Year 2013/14.

The nomination was agreed by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Subhan Shafiq be appointed Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council Year 2013/14.

The Mayor presented Councillor Shafiq with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office and Councillor Shafiq signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor presented Mrs Shafiq with the Deputy Mayoress' Chain of Office and a bouquet.

CL09

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS) REGULATIONS 1990.

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following motion:

“That, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups)

Regulations 1990, the Council note that the Conservative Group was entitled to 37.26% of the seats on the Council's Committees, the Labour Group was entitled to 29.41% of the seats and the Liberal Democrat Group was entitled to 29.41% of the seats."

The Council also noted that the Council had one Independent Member and there was one vacancy.

RESOLVED -

That, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council note that the Conservative Group was entitled to 37.26% of the seats on the Council's Committees, the Labour Group was entitled to 29.41% of the seats and the Liberal Democrat Group was entitled to 29.41% of the seats.

CL10 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET

Councillor A Geary, the Leader of the Council, informed the Council that the Deputy Leader would be Councillor Hopkins and that, in addition to himself and Councillor Hopkins, the Cabinet would comprise Councillors Bald, Bint, Brock, Dransfield, P Geary and McLean.

CL11 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES/GROUPS

The Council considered the number of Members to sit on the Council's Committees and Groups, and also considered appointing Members to those Committees and Groups in accordance with the political balance on the Council.

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following motion:

"That the following Committees and Panels be appointed for the Council Year 2013/14, with the number of members as detailed in brackets, in accordance with the political proportionalities on the Council, where applicable:

- (a) Appeals Commission (8)
- (b) Audit Committee (6)
- (c) Children and Young People Select Committee (10)
- (d) Community Safety, Crime and Policing Select Committee (10)
- (e) Constitution Commission (3)
- (f) Corporate Affairs and Performance Select Committee (10)
- (g) Corporate Parenting Panel (6)
- (h) Development Control Committee (10)
- (i) Economy, Growth and Regeneration Select Committee (10)

- (j) Environment and Transport Select Committee (10)
- (k) Executive Scrutiny Panel (9)
- (l) Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (10)
- (m) Health and Wellbeing Board (6)
- (n) Housing and Communities Select Committee (11)
- (o) Joint Negotiating Committee (Employer's Side) (7)
- (p) Licensing Committee (13)
- (q) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (7)
- (r) Regulatory Committee (13)
- (s) Standards Committee (11)"

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried unanimously.

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded:

"That the Committees and Panels comprise the Members reported to the Council".

RESOLVED -

1. That the following Committees and Panels be appointed for the Council Year 2013/14, with the number of members as detailed in brackets, in accordance with the political proportionalities on the Council, where applicable:
 - (a) Appeals Commission (8)
 - (b) Audit Committee (6)
 - (c) Children and Young People Select Committee (10)
 - (d) Community Safety, Crime and Policing Select Committee (10)
 - (e) Constitution Commission (3)
 - (f) Corporate Affairs and Performance Select Committee (10)
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 - (h) Development Control Committee (10)
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 - (l) Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (10)
 - (m) Health and Wellbeing Board (6)

- (n) Housing and Communities Select Committee (11)
 - (o) Joint Negotiating Committee (Employer's Side) (7)
 - (p) Licensing Committee (13)
 - (q) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (7)
 - (r) Regulatory Committee (13)
 - (s) Standards Committee (11)
2. That the Committees and Panels comprise the Members as set out in the **Annex** to these Minutes.

CL12

APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED PERSONS

The Council considered the appointment of voting co-opted persons to the Children and Young People Select Committee and the Health and Community Wellbeing Select Committee for the Council Year 2013/14.

The Council noted that Mr S Pritchard had resigned as a parent governor representative of the Children and Young People Select Committee.

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded:

"That the co-optees as set out in the agenda be appointed".

RESOLVED -

1. That the following be co-opted to the Children and Young People Select Committee for the Council Year 2013/14, with the Committee being authorised to fill any current vacancies or vacancies which occur during the year:
 - (a) 1 representative of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education - Vacant
 - (b) 1 representative of the Northampton Diocesan School Commission - Vacant
 - (c) 1 representative of parent governors in primary schools - Vacant
 - (d) 1 representative of parent governors in secondary schools - Vacant
 - (e) 1 representative of parent governors in special schools - Dr S Chakrabarti.
2. That Mr A Hastings (HealthWatch) be appointed as a co-opted member of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee and that the Committee be authorised to fill any vacancy which might occur during the year.

CL13 APPOINTMENTS TO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND MILTON KEYNES FIRE AUTHORITY

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following motion:

“That Councillors Dransfield, Edwards, Exon, Morris and Webb be appointed to the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Combined Fire Authority.”

RESOLVED -

That Councillors Dransfield, Edwards, Exon, Morris and Webb be appointed to the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Combined Fire Authority.

CL14 APPOINTMENT TO THAMES VALLEY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The Council noted the resignation of Councillor P Geary as the Council’s representative on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel and considered a replacement.

Councillors Dransfield and Tallack were nominated for the position and on being put to the vote Councillor Tallack was declared appointed as receiving a clear majority of the votes cast.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Tallack be nominated as the Council’s representative on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel.

CL15 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following motion:

“That the Director of Strategy, in consultation with Group Leaders, be authorised to agree the appointment of Members to Outside Organisations, with the exception of those appointed by the Cabinet.”

RESOLVED -

That the Director of Strategy, in consultation with Group Leaders, be authorised to agree the appointment of Members to Outside Organisations, with the exception of those appointed by the Cabinet.

CL16 LEADER’S SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Council received the Leader’s Scheme of Delegation, which included the portfolios for individual Cabinet Members and in so doing noted that ‘Public Realm’ should be included in the portfolio for Councillor P Geary, rather than Councillor Bint.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:50 PM