

## COUNCIL DECISIONS – 13 OCTOBER 2009

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b).	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 September 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to the following wording being substituted for the wording of Councillor Potts' question to the Chair of the Development Control Committee at Minute CL42(f):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Councillor Potts referred to his question asked at the previous meeting of the Council and a number of other requests, including to her predecessor, requesting the outcome of the review on what he believed to be the poor procedure used for the wind farm application. Councillor Potts accordingly asked Councillor Morris when she would be coming forward with the conclusions of the review previously promised.”</p>	-	Head of Democratic Services
1(c).	<p><b>Disclosures of Interest</b></p> <p>Councillor White declared a personal interest in Item 5(b)(iv) [Low Carbon Strategy] as a member of the Government's Renewable Fuels Agency, as Chair of the United Sustainable Energy Agency and as Chair of the National energy Foundation.</p> <p>Councillor Butler-Ellis declared a personal interest in Item 5(b)(iv) [Low Carbon Strategy] as a director of the United Sustainable Energy Agency.</p>	-	Head of Democratic Services
	<p>Councillor U Clarke declared a personal interest in Item 5(b)(iii) [A Plan for Bletchley] as Chair of a residents association in Bletchley.</p>		

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2(a)	<p><b>Petitions - The Future Development of Bletchley – Parking Issues / Re-designation of Land behind Penn Road</b></p> <p>The petitions were referred to the appropriate Cabinet Members.</p>		<p>Cabinet Members for Transport and Highways / Environment, Planning and Growth</p>
2(b)	<p><b>Questions from Members of the Public</b></p> <p>Question from Mr P Gladwin – Leader of the Council to provide a written reply as to the overall costs of the review.</p> <p>Question from Mrs Tremarco - Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways agreed to request a report from officers and to meet on site to discuss concerns raised with regard to parking in Simpson Road and Staplehall Road and the need for a weight restriction on Staplehall Road.</p> <p>Question from Mr Jones - Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways to investigate and provide a written response.</p> <p>Question from Mrs Jones - Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways to investigate and provide a written response.</p> <p>Question from Kirsten Hayter with regard to school transport for children with Special Educational Needs - Cabinet Member for Children to discuss with questioner.</p>		<p>Head of Democratic Services / Councillor Crooks</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways / Assistant Director Transport</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways / Assistant Director Transport</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways / Assistant Director Transport</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children / Corporate Director Children and Young People's Services</p>

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4(a).	<p><b>Children's Services Scrutiny Commission</b></p> <p>That in view of the fact that the report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Commission is not yet ready for submission to the Council, and noting the heavy agendas of Council and Select Committees, the Council agrees that the report, when ready, should now be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for decision on what further consideration, if any, should be given to the report.</p>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	Head of Democratic Services
4(b)	<p><b>Treasury Management Outturn Report 2008/09</b></p> <p>1. That the Council's Treasury Management Performance in 2008/09 be noted.</p> <p>2. That the Council's Treasury management staff be complimented on their work.</p>		Corporate Director Finance and Risk Management
4(c)	<p><b>Article 9 of the Constitution</b></p> <p>That the revision to Article 9 of the Constitution be adopted.</p>		Head of Democratic Services
4(d)	<p><b>Statement of Accounts 2008/09</b></p> <p>That this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Council on 10 November 2009.</p>	Council	Head of Democratic Services

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5(a)	<p><b>Members Questions</b></p> <p>(a) Councillor S Clark to provide Councillor Campbell with a written answer regarding what consultation was undertaken with local residents prior to the installation of floodlights and before planning permission was granted at Barleyhurst Primary School and when the floodlights would be turned off at night.</p> <p>(b) Councillor S Clark to provide Councillor U Clarke with a written answer regarding the Council's policy on the installation of sprinklers in schools.</p> <p>(c) Councillor Crooks to consult with the Chief Executive as to how information can be provided to Members to ensure that they are kept informed of issues / developments within their Wards and a written answer provided to Councillor Coventry.</p> <p>(d) Councillor Williams to provide Councillor Hoyle with a written answer regarding how many tests had been set by the Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust to ensure that doctors from the European Union are competent in English.</p> <p>(e) Councillor Crooks to forward to Councillor P Geary his earlier e-mail regarding the provision of WiMax Broadband service in Olney.</p> <p>(f) That a report be provided in Weekly News of land transfers from Housing Revenue Account ownership to that of the General Fund under the management of the Environment Directorate and a bimonthly report be provided to keep members up to date with transfers.</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Children / Corporate Director Children and Young People's Services</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children / Corporate Director Children and Young People's Services</p> <p>Leader of the Council / Chief Executive</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Social Care / Corporate Director Community Well-being</p> <p>Leader of the Council</p> <p>Corporate Director Environment / Head of Democratic Services</p>

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5(b)(i)	<p><b>Local Development Framework</b></p> <p>1. That this Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) whilst recognising there is still much work yet to be completed, this Council is pleased to note the improved approach to all party Member involvement in the production of the Local Development Framework document under the new Administration of the Council;</li> <li>(b) expresses its deep concern and dismay at the attitude taken by the previous Liberal Democrat Administration of the Council from the notes of the meeting of 'The Cross Boundary Members' Reference Group' held on 16 March 2009 in room 304/5, at the Housing and Communities Agency's offices, CBX Building, Central Milton Keynes;</li> <li>(c) is further dismayed that the Liberal Democrat representatives of that Administration opposed the majority of Members of this Council from knowing what was being done and said in its name, by way of deliberately obstructing a wider , and possibly, an all-party representation on that body;</li> <li>(d) notes with deep concern, that those representatives have done a grave disservice to the people of this Borough, this Council and to future generations of this city, by their actions on that body;</li> <li>(e) notes that those representatives have also failed to recognise that their views did not represent, or may not have represented, the majority view of this Council on that body;</li> </ul>	-	

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5(b)(i) (cont)	<p>(f) notes that those representatives probably did not wish other Members of this Council to find out what was being done, or agreed in the name of Milton Keynes Council, by trying to block the release of the notes of that and future meetings;</p> <p>(g) confirms its gratitude to those Members who did speak and vote in favour of the Council Members being afforded a copy of the notes of this and future meetings; and</p> <p>(h) recognises that it is important to Council Members to have all the facts made known to them on such important issues, in order that they may make rational, considered and sound judgements on possibly the most important decision facing this Authority and its future generations.</p> <p>2. That as this Council does not know what has been said and/or done in the past in its name, the Council resolves:</p> <p>(a) that it is not its intention to be obstructive, or counter productive, but asks Members of the 'The Cross Boundary Members' Reference Group' to recognise that this Council has a duty of care to the people it represents, and to the future;</p> <p>(b) that for the avoidance of doubt, it makes clear to all other Members of the 'The Cross Boundary Member's Reference Group' that as of this date, all statements, undertakings, understandings or guarantees, howsoever given by the previous Administration are hereby set aside and cannot, or will not, be honoured until the minutes of all such meetings are agreed and endorsed by the full body of this Council;</p>		Corporate Director Strategy and Partnerships

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5(b)(i) (cont)	<p>(c) that any future meetings of the 'The Cross Boundary Members' Reference Group' will not be considered as a valid meeting unless and until this Council is represented by an all-party group from this Council; and</p> <p>(d) that it is the desire of this Council to work to the common good of all people of the area in and around Milton Keynes.</p>		
5(b)(ii)	<p><b>Enforcement Action at the Pain Artisan Site, 15 Tanners Drive, Blakelands</b></p> <p>That the motion be withdrawn.</p>		-
5(b)(iii)	<p><b>A Plan for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That this Council recognises that in and around Bletchley and Fenny Stratford there has been a massive new build initiative of housing and large commercial buildings over recent years and the development of thousands of properties is on-going, but unfortunately it appears that very little thought has been given to the highways, parking provision and drainage infrastructure that is desperately needed to cope with the magnitude of further development.</li> <li>2. That this Council notes that as a result of thousands of additional properties in and around Bletchley and Fenny Stratford the representatives of Leon, Water Eaton, Lakes Estate, Fenny Stratford and The Mill Residents Associations wish this Council to adopt 'A Plan for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford' with the following issues being included in the plan:</li> </ol>	-	

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5(b)(iii)(cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Southern Bletchley Bypass;</li> <li>(b) B&amp;Q Roundabout;</li> <li>(c) Tavistock Street;</li> <li>(d) One way traffic systems where necessary;</li> <li>(e) 20 MPH Traffic restrictions in areas where necessary;</li> <li>(f) Possibility to purchase land to create more car parking areas e.g. George Street, Bletchley Central Co-operative and the land where St Martin's Hall is situated; and</li> <li>(g) Traffic congestion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Fenny Stratford – Watling Street;</li> <li>(ii) Little Chef roundabout - Fenny Stratford;</li> <li>(iii) H8 Standing Way – Watling Street; and</li> <li>(iv) Buckingham Road.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3. That the Council recognises that “Strengthening community involvement” was a key part of the Government’s planning reforms and wishes to ensure the active, meaningful and continued involvement of local communities and stakeholders.</p> <p>4. That the Council further recognises that parish and community plans, <i>[whilst under revised government planning guidance PPS12 issued in June 2008, cannot be adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)]</i> can be extremely important to both rural and urban areas and bring significant benefits in terms of deepening community involvement and increasing a sense of belonging and of ownership of policy.</p>		



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5(b)(iv)	<p><b>Low Carbon Strategy</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council notes that Milton Keynes must accommodate a significant expansion in its population, whilst reducing its carbon footprint and without damaging the appeal of its original concept. At the same time the borough must further its reputation as an economically successful and progressive community.</li> <li>2. That the Council further notes that Milton Keynes was designed to be a sustainable community and has in the past enjoyed a reputation as a national leader for innovation in environmental technology policy and practice, including Policy D4 on sustainable development, which also offers the opportunity to improve existing housing stock from new development through the carbon offset fund and the country's first door-to-door recycling scheme. This spirit of innovation has continued but the time is now ripe to take us further as a global and international leader in low carbon living.</li> <li>3. That the Council therefore proposes that a Low Carbon Living Strategy and Action Plan be developed under the leadership of the Council, which should: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) be <b>ambitious</b> and place Milton Keynes at the forefront of low carbon living nationally and internationally;</li> <li>(b) be <b>broad based</b>, covering sustainability objectives for housing, education, energy, water and transport;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		Corporate Director Environment

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5(b)(iv) (cont)	<p>(c) <b>build on existing and emerging initiatives</b> such as the electrification of transport, low carbon housing development, retrofitting insulation in older properties, “smart” power grids, local green power generation and new waste reduction and treatment facilities;</p> <p>(d) <b>engage local communities</b> and be a partnership project that draws on local expertise and capacity, including the local centres of academic excellence and the Zero Carbon Hub;</p> <p>(e) <b>achieve economic advantage</b> for the borough through its high profile and support the development of the “green” economy and jobs; and</p> <p>(f) ensure <b>an integrated approach</b> to the borough’s rural and urban areas.</p> <p>4. That the Council charges the Cabinet to develop such a Strategy including its resource implications in consultation with the relevant Select Committees, its partners and other appropriate bodies.</p> <p>5. That the Council shall:</p> <p>(a) Sign up to the recently launched national <b>10:10</b> campaign which aims to reduce the UK’s domestic emissions by 10% in 2010, to commit to cut the Council’s own emission by 10% next year, along with encouraging individuals, organisations and businesses to do so.</p>	Cabinet / O&S Management Committee	Corporate Director Environment / Head of Democratic Services



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5(b)(iv) (cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="568 308 1503 411">(ii) Energy generation from biomass sources - Utilise biomass from landscaping and other areas of landscaping owned by the Council.</li> <li data-bbox="568 432 1503 499">(iii) Waste minimisation - Set up a trade waste recycling scheme.</li> <li data-bbox="568 520 1503 624">(iv) Energy Efficiency – Continue to carry out water management surveys and institute measures to make savings.</li> <li data-bbox="568 644 1503 711">(v) Energy Efficiency – Continue to install sensors to switch off lights in un-occupied rooms in all council buildings.</li> <li data-bbox="568 732 1503 799">(vi) Education - reduce food miles, grow your own and use local produce.</li> <li data-bbox="568 820 1503 967">(vii) Education – produce newsletters in collaboration with local partners highlighting all the climate change initiatives in Milton Keynes and encouraging local participation in schemes and the Council as community leader.</li> <li data-bbox="568 987 1503 1166">(viii) Education and skills - strengthen Milton Keynes' offering of school, Further and Higher Education courses in science and technology to ensure that residents continue to take forward the research and development of sustainable technology, and its operation and maintenance</li> <li data-bbox="568 1187 1503 1291">(ix) Energy Efficiencies – explore partnership with utility companies to provide free/subsidised energy/water saving devices.</li> <li data-bbox="568 1311 1503 1378">(x) Education – Eco Schools Awards – Work with schools to achieve Eco Schools awards.</li> </ul>		

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5(b)(iv) (cont)	<p>(xi) Issue a leaflet about energy reduction measures and grants along with the Council Tax leaflet.</p> <p>(xii) Energy Efficiencies – Explore schemes to loan electricity consumption meters to residents from local libraries.</p>		
6.	<p><b>Membership of Committees</b></p> <p>The Council noted the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee and changes in membership of the Development Control Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.</p>		-
7.	<p><b>Parish Review Working Group</b></p> <p>That the final recommendations of the Parish Review Working Group be presented at a special meeting of the Council, to be convened as soon as the Working Group is able to report, but ensuring that Members and parish councils have at least four weeks notice of the meeting.</p>		Head of Democratic Services
8.	<p><b>Ward Based Budgets – October 2009</b></p> <p>The Council received details of Grants awarded from the Members' Ward Initiatives Budget.</p>		-
9.	<p><b>Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions</b></p> <p>That the report be received.</p>		-