COUNCIL DECISIONS - 19 FEBRUARY 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
1(b).	Minutes		Democratic Services
	That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 January 2014 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to:		Manager
	(a) the name of 'Kelly' in Minute C73(b) to (e) being changed to 'Kelley';		
	(b) the words 'service user involvement at' being added to the third paragraph of Minute C73(e), before the words 'the Board';		
	(c) the word 'Metal' being amended to 'Mental' and the word 'Partnership being amended to 'Programme' in the in fifth paragraph of Minute C73(e); and		
	(d) the word' Information' being spelt correctly in the heading of Minute C74.		
1(d).	Announcements		CLT Support Manager
	Mayor to write to staff, and partner agencies thanking them for their efforts and hard work during the recent period of bad weather to guard the community of Milton Keynes.		
2(b)	Questions from Members of the Public		Regulatory Advice
	Councillor S Burke to be provided with a response to send to Mr Pourshahram as to the current situation with regard to his vehicle license application.		and Licensing Team Leader

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3	Business Remaining from Last Meeting – Recommendations from the Constitution Commission		Democratic Services Manager
	(a) Dates for Annual Meetings of the Council		
	 That the following revised wording for the first paragraph Council Procedure Rule 1(a) be agreed: 		
	'The Ceremonial Meeting will take place on the Wednesday 13 calendar days after the day of local elections, or in a year when there are no Local Elections on the Wednesday 13 calendar days after the first Thursday in May at 7.30 pm.'		
	2. That the following revised wording for the first paragraph Council Procedure Rule 1(b) be agreed:		
	'The Business Meeting will take place on the Wednesday 20 calendar days after the day of local elections, or in a year when there are no Local Elections on the Wednesday 20 calendar days after the first Thursday in May at 7.30 pm.'		
	(b) Substitution of Executive / Cabinet Members on Quasi-Judicial / Audit Committees		
	That the following revised wording for Council Procedure Rule 23 be adopted:		
	'23 Substitution on Committees, Sub-Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Committees/Panels		

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3 (cont)	23.1 The Assistant Director (Democratic Services), of his/her authorised representative at a meeting of body, is authorised to agree substitutions for Members of bodies submitted in writing be appropriate Group Leaders, Deputy Group Leaders the Chair or Group Spokesperson of the body concerned before the scheduled start time of the meeting at which the substitution is to apply Substitutions may only be made in accordance with the total number of seats allocated to each political group and the agreed balance of seats between the political groups on the body, and appointe substitutes must not be Members of the Cabine except, where a Cabinet member is appointed to committee they may be substituted by another Cabinet Member.		
	No member of the Cabinet may be substituted to a overview and scrutiny committee / panel.	1	
	23.2 Substitute Members will have all of the powers an duties of an ordinary Member of the body, but will not be able to exercise any special powers or dutie (chair, vice-chair or spokesperson) exercisable by the persons they are substituting, unless specificall appointed by the body.		

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3 (cont)		23.3 Substitution to the Development Control and Licensing and Regulatory Committees will only be permitted where substitutes have received the appropriate training and this has been verified by the Assistant Director (Democratic Services).'		
	(c)	Signing of Sub-Committee Minutes by Parent Committees		
		That the following revised additional wording for Council Procedure Rule 22 be adopted:		
		'22.3 Signing of Sub-Committee Minutes		
		In addition to Rule 17.1, where it is stated that the Minutes of the proceedings will be signed at the next suitable meeting, in the case of a Sub-Committee this will be the next meeting of the Sub-Committee, or of the appointing committee, as practicable.'		
	(d)	Overview and Scrutiny – Terminology Used		
		"That the term 'Overview and Scrutiny Committee / Panel' be amended in the Constitution 'to Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee' as appropriate."		

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3 (cont)	(e)	Review of Procedure around Amendments to Motions		
		That the following revised wording for Council Procedure Rule 13.6 (c), regarding the acceptance of amendments to motions, be adopted:		
		'(c) The Mayor will move a procedural motion, which will be seconded by the Deputy Mayor (in the absence of the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor will seek a seconder from amongst the Members present), inviting the Council to determine whether any amendment, which has been moved and seconded, may be offered to the mover of the motion, or must be discussed by the Council. If an amendment is accepted, it will become part of the original motion."		
	(f)	Assistant Director (Democratic Services) - Title		
		'That the term 'Assistant Director (Democratic Services)' in the Council Procedure Rules be amended to 'Monitoring Officer'.		
	(g)	Combining Motions Submitted under Council Procedure Rule 11		
		That the following new Clause 11.3 be added to Council Procedure Rule 11 (Notice of Motion) and the existing Clause 11.3 renumber to '11.4':		
		'11. 3 Motions of a Like Intent		
		Where two or more motions, submitted in accordance with this Procedure Rule are, in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer, of the same, or similar intent, he / she will either:		

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3 (cont)	(a) seek agreement to the withdrawal of one or more of the motions to leave one remaining motion; or		
	(b) combine the motions, with the agreement of the Members submitting the motions, with the combined motion being notified to Members of the Council not later than 12 noon four clear working days before the meeting at which the motion is to be considered.		
	The combined motion will take the place of the first of the motions submitted in the order on the agenda and will be in the joint names of the Members submitting the original motions. The Members submitting the combined motion will be expected to agree who will move and second the motion.		
	In the event that Members decline to withdraw their motions, or do not agree to the motions being composited, the Council will (subject to any ruling of the Mayor) deal with the motions in the order in which notice was received.'		
4(a)	Council Tax and Business Rate Baseline 2014/15		
	That the total funding distribution of £726,048 in 2014/15 from Milton Keynes Council to parish and town councils be agreed.		Corporate Director Resources
4(b)	Budget Report 2014/15		Corporate Director
	Decision attached as an Annex.		Resources

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6	Membership of the Economy Growth and Regeneration Select Committee		Democratic Services Manager
	That the appointment of Councillor Brunning to the Conservative Group vacancy on the Economy Growth and Regeneration Select Committee be confirmed.		
7	Report on Special Urgency Decisions The report was noted.		Democratic Services Manager