

Conservative Group Amendments

1. “That the following words are added to the end of recommendation 1 from the Cabinet meeting on 4 February 2020:

‘subject to:

- (a) the Cabinet’s Investment Proposal (Annex W) being amended as follows:

Amendment 1

£75K being removed from Line C27 (Special Blue Projects) and reallocated to reducing street homelessness in Milton Keynes;

Amendment 2

All the money allocated, confirmed by the Section 151 Officer as £750k, for work for MK2050 (Line C1 [Strategy to 2050]) being reallocated as follows:

- (a) £530k for extra pothole repairs;
- (b) £170k for extra White and Yellow lining across the borough; and
- (c) £50k for an Oak Hill Play Park, being the only estate in the western flank without a play park.

Amendment 3

£250k and £20k respectively from Lines C24 (Green Roof Bus Shelters and Port Cochere) and C24 (a) (Parish Green Roof Fund) being reallocated as follows:

- (a) £5k for beehives at the Civic Offices and other Council buildings;
- (b) £45k for bird boxes bug hotels and other biodiversity projects in areas of greatest need across the Borough; and
- (c) £220k for further drain and gully clearance and to identify capital schemes where further work is required.

Amendment 4

References in Lines C3 to C10 (Investing in Our City Centre) and in the Heading to the Section being amended so that they relate to investment across the whole of the borough, not just in the city centre;

Amendment 5

The figure of 2,000 Trees being amended to 10,000 Trees in Line C28 (Borough-wide Tree Planting and Replacement) to act as a carbon sink and improve biodiversity with the allocated budget being reduced to £30,000 and the balance of £70,000 being reallocated as follows:

- (a) £6,000 to supply and install flood early warning sensors in Stoke Goldington;
- (b) £4,000k for 1,000 hydrogel sandbags to protect properties from flooding in Stoke Goldington; and
- (c) £95,000 to bring forward path resurfacing from 2023 to 2020 at Union Street Newport Pagnell outside the Lawnsmead Care Home, the remainder of the funding (£35,000) coming from the contingency.

Amendment 6

Line C36 (Loughton Obelisk)

- (a) The Line being re-titled 'Great Holm Obelisk' as there is no obelisk in Loughton and the photographs of Councillor Nolan are in front of the Great Holm Obelisk;
- (b) the spelling of the word 'Obelisk' being corrected; and
- (c) £20K being added for road improvements around the obelisk that are desperately needed, with funding coming from The Business Rates Appeals Reduction, or unallocated New Homes Bonus, or taken from currently planned contingencies.

Amendment 7

The addition of £20k from The Business Rates Appeals Reduction, or the unallocated New Homes Bonus, or from currently planned contingencies to fund communities across the borough in celebrating the 75th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day.

Amendment 8

The addition of £200,000 to the Neighbourhood Employment Programme over 2 years in order to keep its reach across all Milton Keynes estates, not just in the regeneration estates, with funding to be taken from The Business Rates Appeals Reduction, or the unallocated New Homes Bonus, or from currently planned contingencies.

Amendment 9

The addition of £400,000 as an Antisocial Behaviour Emergency Fund to be used as follows:

- (a) £150k a year for 2 years to establish a new antisocial behaviour taskforce in partnership with the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, including supporting the creation of new Police Community Support Officer roles that have a borough wide role in reducing anti-social behaviour, which will be match funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and will fund at least 5 new Police Community Support Officers for Milton Keynes
- (b) £50k a year over 2 years, to launch a New Anti-Social Behaviour prevention grant to be made available to grassroots organisations such as youth clubs, football clubs, boxing and martial arts clubs etc.

To be funded from The Business Rates Appeals Reduction, or the unallocated New Homes Bonus, or from currently planned contingencies.

Amendment 10

The addition of £80,000 to fund a pedestrian crossing on Queensway, with funding to be taken from The Business Rates Appeals Reduction, or the unallocated New Homes Bonus, or from currently planned contingencies.

Amendment 11

The addition of £440,000 to help reduce levels of Domestic Violence to be used as follows:

- (a) £280k for the Freshstart Rehabilitation Domestic Violence Programme, which educates repeat offenders and has been successful in reducing reoffending, as evidenced by the very low rates of reoffending after the course, and is seen as really progressive nationally. To be funded from The Business Rates Appeals Reduction, or the unallocated New Homes Bonus, or from currently planned contingencies; and
- (b) £160k for two Independent Domestic Violence Advocates, initially for a 2 year fixed period, as 600/700 referrals are dealt with in Milton Keynes a year and there are currently only 4.3 Independent Domestic Violence Advocates in Milton Keynes when there needs to be a team of at least 6 or 7 Advocates to meet national Safe Lives standards. To be funded from The Business Rates Appeals Reduction, or the unallocated New Homes Bonus, or from currently planned contingencies.”

Amendment 12

2. That the following additional clauses be added to the Cabinet's recommendation:
 - (a) That where possible any additional tree planting be based on Council land and planted with the use of woodland grants. Trees should be mixed species to create a diverse habitat, with planting commencing on those parts of Tickford Fields Farm, Newport Pagnell not covered by either the Milton Keynes East Development Proposals or the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan.
 - (b) That it be noted that no wetland can have zero maintenance implications and requests that the maintenance is calculated and put into the base budget in 2021/22.
 - (c) That the Constitution Commission be requested to consider all budgets having a 'carbon budget' that goes along with them so the Council is able to understand the impacts changes to the budget have on the carbon output of the city.
 - (d) That, recognising that at the moment existing Domestic Violence refuges are large enough to deal with the current population, but won't be so by 2025, requests Cabinet to work to ensure that the planning for extra Domestic Violence Refuge space happens as the city grows."