



Head of Democratic Services
John Moffoot

To: The Mayor and Members of
the Milton Keynes Council

1 February 2007

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL** to be held at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes on **TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2007 at 7.30 pm** when the business set out overleaf will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

Head of Democratic Services

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The proceedings at this meeting may be recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes of the meeting.

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AGENDA

Item No:

1. Procedure

(a) Apologies

(b) Minutes

To approve, and the Mayor to sign as a correct record the Minutes of meeting of the Council held on 9 January 2007 (Item 1(b)) (**Pages to**)

(c) Disclosure of Interests

Members to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business to be transacted and officers to disclose any interest in contracts to be considered by the Council.

(d) Announcements

To receive announcements, if any.

2. Public Involvement

(a) Deputations and Petitions

No deputations have been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

The Leader of the Council to receive petitions from:

(i) Moulsoe Parish Council; and

(ii) Residents of North Crawley

Any further petitions received will be reported at the meeting.

(b) Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions and provide answers to questions from members of the public.

3. Business Remaining from Last Meeting

None

4. Reports from Cabinet and Committees

Cabinet – 6 February 2007

Housing Revenue Account Budget and Rent Increase 2007/08 Onwards

RECOMMENDED –

“1. That the proposed draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2007/08 and its implications for future years within the framework of the Council’s existing corporate priorities be approved.

2. That the annual increase in average rents of 2.86% for 2007/08 as the Council moves towards Government formula rent by 2011/12 be approved.
3. That the annual increase in garage rents of 1.4% for 2007/08 be approved.
4. That an increase in Shared Ownership rents of 1.4% for 2007/08 in line with the contractual obligations of the Lease be approved.”

Any changes to the recommendations following consideration by the Cabinet will be reported at the meeting.

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet is attached at Item 4 (**Pages to)**

5. Members' Matters

(a) Members' Questions

- (i) Members to ask questions of either the Leader, a Cabinet Member, the Chair of any Committee, or the Leader of a Political Group on the Council.
- (ii) Members to ask questions of the representative of the Police Authority appointed to answer questions, in accordance with Section 20 of the Police Act 1996 (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.5, 7 clear days notice is required for Police Authority questions).

Questions from Councillor Hoyle:

- "1. What steps can the police take to encourage courtesy and consideration towards pedestrians using the footpaths and redways?
2. How many prosecutions have the police instituted involving cyclists over the last year?"

(b) Notices of Motions

Growth in Milton Keynes

Councillor I McCall – 26 January 2007

- "1. That this Council reaffirms that it is committed to securing growth that is advantageous for Milton Keynes, subject to the timely provision of infrastructure.
2. That this Council resolves to ensure there is proper community engagement in decisions on how and where Milton Keynes grows and to make every effort to involve hard to reach and minority groups in this process.
3. That this Council supports Milton Keynes' ambition to become a major UK city with the wide range of leisure facilities, jobs and choice of housing that this entails.

4. That this Council is committed to:
 - (a) Developing infrastructure that meets the aspirations of a major UK city;
 - (b) Continuing to work for solutions to enable East West rail and a new University for Milton Keynes to be delivered;
 - (c) Ensuring that growth plans develop the necessary conditions to sustain economic growth over the next twenty five years with sufficient high quality jobs for the growing population;
 - (d) Ensuring that no areas are left behind as the city becomes more successful and that new development does not result in a two-speed city.
5. That the Council agrees that plans for the growth of the city should:
 - (a) Aim to achieve carbon neutrality;
 - (b) Promote public transport whilst maintaining ease of car movement;
 - (c) Not make changes to the existing grid road system;
 - (d) Protect the green spaces and open nature of the city as they make a significant contribution to the high quality of life;
 - (e) Ensure that new developments are sensitive to the impact on the identity and character of the rural areas and of the existing New City estates;
 - (f) Provide sufficient affordable housing to meet local needs.
6. That this Council is committed to accelerating the regeneration of the more deprived areas of Milton Keynes but agrees that it must be driven by local residents, and not imposed from above.
7. That the Council promises to ballot local residents where any regeneration schemes come forward from the community and to honour the results of those ballots, as in Fullers Slade.
8. That this Council reaffirms its opposition to the separate proposals of Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council to
 - (a) Target the area east of the M1 for future development; and
 - (b) Propose a doubling of the number of houses within the current city, above that originally proposed in the growth strategy.

9. That this Council restates its belief that the area to the south west of Milton Keynes affords the best rationale for an urban extension in support of sustainable development and cross-regional linkages. Development to the south west will also assist in the delivery of the Council's and community's plans for the redevelopment of Bletchley;
10. That this Council is committed to:
 - (a) Campaigning for a more democratically accountable body than Milton Keynes Partnership (MKP) to take forward the growth of Milton Keynes, when the review of MKP takes place;
 - (b) Continuing to lobby for the massive receipts being accumulated by English Partnerships from developments in Milton Keynes to be retained within Milton Keynes to help fund the new infrastructure requirements, rather than being passed to the Treasury; and
 - (c) Continuing to lobby for sufficient capital and revenue funding to meet the needs of existing and future communities."

A briefing note will be circulated separately.

6. Appointment of Chief Finance Officer

To consider Item 6 (**Pages to**)