



Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillor Coventry (Mayor)  
Councillors Bald, Betteley, Bint, Brackenbury, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Bramall, Brunning, Burke, Cannon, Clancy, Clifton, Crooks, Dransfield, Eastman, Ferrans, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Gifford, Gowans, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Legg, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, McLean, McPake, Miles, Morla, Morris, Nolan, O'Neill, Patey-Smith, Petchey, Small, Walker, Wales, Wallis, Webb, C Williams, C Wilson and K Wilson

Alderspersons Bartlett, Bristow, Howell and Alderwoman Henderson

**Apologies:** Councillors Alexander, Buckley, Exon, Green, Long, McDonald, Middleton, and P Williams and Aldermen Beeley and E Henderson and Alderwomen Irons, Lloyd and Saunders

**Also Present:** circa 80 members of the public

#### **CL01 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor A Geary and seconded by Councillor Marland that Councillor David George Hopkins be elected Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council Year 2017/18.

Other councillors spoke in support of the nomination.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor David George Hopkins be elected Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council Year 2017/18.

The retiring Mayor (Councillor Coventry) presented Councillor D Hopkins with the Mayor's Chain of Office and Councillor D Hopkins signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor, on accepting the office of Mayor and thanking the Council for the honour, announced that the Mayoress would be his wife Mrs Susan Hopkins, the Civic Service would be held on Sunday 2 July 2017 at St Mary's Church in Wavendon, his theme for the year would be 'Promoting MK' and his charity would be Ride High.

The Mayor thanked the former Mayor, Councillor Coventry and his consort Liane for the positive impact they had made during their year in office. The Mayor also passed on his best wishes to Ms Val Letheren who, as Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council, had invited him to attend a County Council meeting when the County Council celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Milton Keynes. Ms Letheren had stood down as a County Councillor and would shortly be standing down as the Chairman of the County Council.

**CL02****VOTE OF THANKS**

Councillor Marland moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor (Councillor Coventry), which was seconded by Councillor D McCall,

Other Members spoke in support of the vote of thanks.

The vote of thanks was approved unanimously.

The Mayor presented Councillor Coventry with a Past Mayor's badge.

Mark Neil, Poet Laureate for Milton Keynes read a poem in tribute of Councillor Coventry's period of office.

Councillor Coventry referred to the many highlights from his term as Mayor, including attendance at concerts by the City Orchestra, various fetes and carnivals, visits to schools; the emergency services and the Milton Keynes Safety Centre.

Councillor Coventry also referred to the Royal visit by Prince Edward to Bletchley Park, his many visits to voluntary groups and charities and the 'Mayor for the Day' event.

Councillor Coventry took the opportunity to thank his Consort, Liane Lacey, Councillor D Hopkins and his Deputy Mayoress, councillors and officer colleagues for their help and for supporting him during his term as Mayor.

The Mayor also thanks MK Dons for their hospitality during the year.

Councillor Coventry presented a cheque for £12,000 to his charity, the Redway School.

**CL03****APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Council noted that, in accordance with the selection procedure agreed by the Council, the nomination for Deputy Mayor fell to the Labour Group.

It was moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor D McCall, that Councillor Martin Petchey be appointed Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council Year 2017/18.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Martin Petchey be appointed Deputy Mayor of Milton Keynes for the Council Year 2017/18.

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

**CL04****MINUTES**

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 22 March 2017 and 3 May 2017 be approved and signed by the Mayor as correct records.

**CL05****APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET**

Councillor Marland, the Leader of the Council, informed the Council that the Deputy Leader would be Councillor O'Neill and that, in addition to himself and Councillor O'Neill, the Cabinet would comprise Councillors Gifford, Gowans, Legg, Long, Middleton and Nolan.

**CL06****APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES/GROUPS/PANELS**

The Council considered:

- (a) The appointment of the committees, the number of councillors that would comprise the committees and the membership of those committees;
- (b) the number of members on the Appeals Commission, the Chief Officer Appointments Panel, the Constitution Commission and the RegenerationMK Committee;
- (c) the number of members to comprise the Chief Officer Appointments Panel; and
- (d) the appointment of substitutes to the committees.

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

"1. That the following Committees, Panels and Working Groups be appointed for the Council Year 2017/18, with the number of members as detailed in brackets, in accordance with the political proportionalities on the Council, where applicable:

- (a) Appeals Commission (17)
- (b) Audit Committee (8)
- (c) Budget Scrutiny Committee (11)
- (d) Chief Offer Appointments Panel (3/5)
- (e) Children and Young People Committee (11)
- (f) Constitution Commission (3)
- (g) Corporate Parenting Panel (8)
- (h) Development Control Committee (11)
- (i) Executive Scrutiny Committee (10)
- (j) Health and Adult Social Care Committee (10)
- (k) Health and Wellbeing Board (4)
- (l) Housing and Community Committee (11)
- (m) Joint Negotiating Committee (Employer's Side) (7)
- (n) Licensing Committee (15)
- (o) RegenerationMK Committee (6)

- (p) Regulatory Committee (15)
  - (q) Scrutiny Management Committee (10)
  - (r) Standards Committee (10)
2. That the Appeals Commission, Chief Officer Appointments Panel, the Constitution Commission and the RegenerationMK Committee be treated as not needing to comply with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
  3. That Group Leaders be given delegated authority to appoint Members to Appointment Panels for Service and Assistant Directors on a one member per Political Group basis, to include a member of the Cabinet, and for Corporate Directors, a Panel of 5 Members on a 2:2:1 member per Political Group basis, to include a member of the Cabinet.
  4. That all Members of the Council, with the exception of Cabinet members (unless they are substituting for another Cabinet member), be appointed as substitutes to all bodies listed above, noting the requirement for Members to be trained before participating in meetings of the Appeals Commission, Development Control Committee, Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee.

The Council's agreement was given by acclamation.

The Mayor also moved, and the Deputy Mayor seconded:

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

The Council's agreement was given by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

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  4. That all Members of the Council, with the exception of Cabinet members (unless they are substituting for another Cabinet member), be appointed as substitutes to all bodies listed above, noting the requirement for Members to be trained before participating in meetings of the Appeals Commission, Development Control Committee, Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee.
  5. That the Committees and Panels comprise the members as set out in the **Annex** to these Minutes.

## **CL07**

### **APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED PERSONS - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE**

The Council considered the appointment of voting co-opted persons to the Children and Young People Committee for the Council Year 2017/18.

The Mayor moved, and the Deputy Mayor seconded:

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

The Council's agreement was given by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That the following be co-opted to the Children and Young People Select Committee for the Council Year 2017/18, 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 – Ms D Main
- (c) Rebecca Collins (representative of parent governors in primary schools)
- (d) 1 representative of parent governors in secondary schools - Vacant
- (e) Amanda Marlow (representative of parent governors in special schools)

**CL08**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND MILTON KEYNES FIRE AUTHORITY**

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

“That Councillors Brunning, Exon, Marland, D McCall, McDonald and K Wilson be appointed to the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Combined Fire Authority.”

The Council’s agreement was given by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That Councillors Brunning, Exon, Marland, D McCall, McDonald and K Wilson be appointed to the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Combined Fire Authority.

**CL09**

**APPOINTMENTS TO THAMES VALLEY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

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

“That Councillors Burke be appointed to the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel.”

The Council’s agreement was given by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That Councillors Burke be appointed to the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel.

**CL10 APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES (LGSS) JOINT COMMITTEE**

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

“That Councillors Brackenbury, McLean and Middleton be appointed to the Local Government Shared Services (LGSS) Joint Committee and that Councillors R Bradburn, Bald and Marland be nominated as substitutes for the appointed councillors.”

The Council’s agreement was given by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That Councillors Brackenbury, McLean and Middleton be appointed to the Local Government Shared Services (LGSS) Joint Committee and that Councillors R Bradburn, Bald and Marland be nominated as substitutes for the appointed councillors.

**CL11 APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES (LGSS) REVENUE AND BENEFITS JOINT COMMITTEE**

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

“That Councillor Middleton be appointed to the Local Government Shared Services (LGSS) Revenue and Benefits Joint Committee.”

The Council’s agreement was given by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Middleton be appointed to the Local Government Shared Services (LGSS) Revenue and Benefits Joint Committee.

**CL12 THE EXECUTIVE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

The Council received the Leader’s Executive Scheme of Delegation which detailed the delegations to individual Cabinet Portfolio holders.

**CL13 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017/18**

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

“That the Calendar of Meetings for 2017/18 be agreed.”

The Council’s agreement was given by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That the Calendar of Meetings for 2017/18 be agreed.

**CL14 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

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

“That the Service Director (Legal and Democratic Services), 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.”

The Council's agreement was given by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That the Service Director (Legal and Democratic Services), 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.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:21 PM