

## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Apologies

### 3. Minutes

To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Scrutiny Panel held on 4 November 2015 (Item 3) **(Pages 6 to 7)**.

### 4. Disclosure of Interests

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### 5. Welcome and Introductions

### 6. Meeting Procedure

Chair to outline the Procedure to be followed at meeting.

### 7. Call-in of Cabinet Decision 9 November 2015:

Draft Strategic Development Options Consultation Document

On 9 November 2015 the Cabinet made the following decision 'Draft Strategic Development Options Consultation Document':

*That the draft Strategic Development Options Consultation Document be approved for a 12 week period of public consultation and engagement.*

### 8. The Cabinet Decision has been Called In by Ward Councillor McClean, Olney Town Council and Castlethorpe, Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville, Emberton, Hanslope, Haversham cum Little Linford, Lavendon, Moulsoe, North Crawley, Stoke Goldington, and Weston Underwood Parish Councils and two groups of more than 20 residents for the following reasons:

- '1. The document is flawed in that there has been no check of feasibility or deliverability of the Options before this is proposed to go for public consultation. A feasibility check is an essential part of a consultation process.
2. The process to produce the document was flawed; the advertisement was unclear as to content resulting in many local councils or residents not attending, the workshops were poorly run; over half the attendees did not find them useful, did not feel they were able to contribute and did not feel it was properly facilitated and the views of attending developers / land agents were over-represented in the results and skewed the Options.
3. The Local Plan, Plan:MK, follows a rigorous process of evidence-based housing demand over a 10-15 year period. The MK Futures 2050 Commission population forecast are not rigorous or evidence based, have no place in a Local Plan, will over-ride Neighbourhood Plans both existing and in preparation and its incorporation into the Local Plan has

and will continue to do damage to the MKC – Parishes relationship. Combining Plan:MK and the MK Futures Commission is flawed and an incorrect use of the Local Plan process.'

Gayhurst and Chicheley Parish Meetings also expressed the same concerns about the Cabinet Decision.

The Cabinet Decision has also been Called In by Central Milton Keynes Town Council for the following reasons:

- '1. The consultation document does not provide sufficient information to enable consultees to make an informed judgement about the options. A fundamental consideration, for example, is what additional housing supply is required over the plan period and how much each option could potentially deliver. Yet there is no detailed data or comparative analyses, feasibility, costing or other examination of deliverability of any of the options.
2. Transport infrastructure is an essential consideration for each option, but only superficial information is provided with no cross-option analyses.
3. The consultation questions are not consistent. There should be a common set of questions across all options.
4. All options need to be evaluated using a consistent set of criteria.'

A copy of the report and annexes considered by the Cabinet Member are attached at Item 8 (**Pages 8 to 12**).

The Panel is requested to consider the reasons set out in the call-in request and, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, either:

- (a) refer the item back to the Cabinet, setting out the nature of the Committee's concerns;
- (b) not refer the item back; or
- (c) refer its views to the Council.

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Meeting Attended: **Executive Scrutiny Panel**

Date of Meeting: **2 December 2015**

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