

ITEM 5

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE SELECT COMMITTEE

29 FEBRAURY 2012

RESPONSES FROM CABINET

Responses from Cabinet are summarised on the agenda front pages.

Resolutions made by the Economic Development & Enterprise Select Committee at its meeting held on 21 September 2011:

ITEM 5(A)

ED10 KNOWLEDGE BASED ECONOMY

RESOLVED –

That the Cabinet be made aware of the issues in respect of the knowledge economy and the comments made by the Committee:

1. That the Council should adopt a leadership role by working effectively with major employers (i.e. Network Rail, Silverstone etc) and local businesses to ensure appropriate teaching and knowledge technologies are available to ensure that business skill needs are being met.
2. That the Council works with the University Centre to broaden its syllabus to ensure that Milton Keynes has the skills required to support and grow the economy.

ITEM 5(B)

ED11 BUSINESS SUPPORT AND INWARD INVESTMENT

RESOLVED -

1. That the Business Investment Plan be considered at the next meeting of the Committee on 30 November 2011 to address the issues raised by the Committee.
2. That the Cabinet take a strategic approach to partnership working to ensure that Milton Keynes residents have opportunities to gain and retain appropriate skills required to support businesses in the area.
3. That the Cabinet recognise that better knowledge and understanding of languages and cultural issues are means to breaking down barriers to international investment and that the school syllabus should reflect way of overcoming those barriers.

4. That the Cabinet recognise the negative impact of empty employment properties and should investigate ways to encourage usage of employment areas where office/equipment space was largely unoccupied.

ITEM 5(c)

ED12

VISITOR DESTINATION:MK

RESOLVED –

1. That the Select Committee welcomes funding for Destination:MK securing £20,000 per year for the next three years.
2. That to attract even more visitors to Milton Keynes, the Cabinet request officers to seek opportunities to develop better conference facilities in Milton Keynes.