

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

12 JANUARY 2010

ITEM 5(b) NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Councillor Edwards – 22 December 2009

Sir Michael Pitt's Review of the 2007 Flooding

- “1. That this Council endorse the terms of reference of the recent Flood and Water Management Bill which followed Sir Michael Pitt's review of the flooding in 2007 and referred to the role of local authorities being enhanced so that they take responsibility for leading the co-ordination of flood risk management in their areas.
2. That the Council notes that the Flood and Water Management Bill aims to provide better, more sustainable management of flood risk for people, homes and businesses, help safeguard community groups from unaffordable rises in surface water drainage charges and protect water supplies to the consumer.
3. That this Council agrees to request the Cabinet to give greater attention to the Milton Keynes Water Courses by:
 - (a) providing regular inspections;
 - (b) maintaining of storm drains leading into the water courses;
 - (c) replacing old drainage pipe lines that are too small in diameter to cope for the volume of water as a result of new development;
 - (d) dredging on a regular basis to increase the water capacity;
 - (e) ensuring that all trees, shrubs and obstructions are removed that prevent the flow of water;
 - (f) undertaking more inspections of road-side drains;
 - (g) ensuring that all residents are aware of their riparian responsibilities if their land backs onto a water course;
 - (h) regular landscape maintenance of trees, bushes overhanging the water courses;
 - (i) ensuring health and safety measures are in place where dangers might arise for young children; and
 - (j) giving greater concern to new building development that has an impact on the drainage systems of the older towns and existing water courses.”