

# MEETING of MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2009  
7.30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES  
CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

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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 the meeting of the Council held on 10 November 2009 (Item 1) (**Pages 6 to 14**)

(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.

Any 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

Licensing Committee – 11 November 2009

Gambling Act 2005 –Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy (2010-2013)

RECOMMENDED –

“That the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy 2010-2013, as set out in the Annex to the report, be approved.

A copy of the report considered by the Licensing Committee is attached at Item 4(a) (**Pages 15 to 88**).

A further report is attached at Item 4(b) (**Pages 89 to 91**).

## 5. Members' Matters

### (a) Members' Questions

- (i) Members to ask questions of 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).

Question from Councillor C Morris:

"On the 16 October I was witness to a very serious assault, at lunchtime, in Central Milton Keynes. As the assault was taking place I rang 999, this was at 12.37. As requested by the 999 operator I, the other witnesses and the victim remained at the scene. At 1.20 I rang the control room at Milton Keynes Police to find out what was happening. I was told they were busy but would send someone imminently and if no-one was available, I would be called straight away. At 1.50, having received no phone call and no officers having arrived we all left the scene, having given the victim everyone's details.

Does the Police Authority think the Thames Valley Police failing to respond within 1 hour and 10 minutes to a serious assault, some 500 yrds away from Central Milton Keynes Police Station is acceptable for the people of Milton Keynes?

What assurances can be given that this failure on behalf of Thames Valley Police will be investigated thoroughly, an acceptable explanation received and steps put in place to ensure this does not occur again?"

### (b) Notices of Motions

#### 1. Broadband Services

Councillor – Crooks - 26 November 2009

"1. That this Council:

- (a) warmly welcomes the recent decision of BT Openreach to launch a pilot project on higher speed broadband which will cover half the city;
- (b) confirms that the Council's longer term vision must be to make Milton Keynes a national digital leader harnessing broadband for uses such as:
  - (i) access to Council services
  - (ii) shared services with other organisations

- (iii) small businesses and other general business use on employment areas
  - (iv) Telecare and Telehealth
  - (v) Community networking
  - (vi) Individual access;
- (c) notes that, insofar as technically possible, the same provision must be available throughout the city and the rural parts of the Borough, and that individual and voluntary sector access must also be fully available through an extension of the work of ConnectMK;
- (d) requests the Cabinet to take forward this work as part of the citywide and internal ICT Strategies that are currently being prepared.”

2. Radcliffe School

Councillor – A Geary - 26 November 2009

“That this Council:

- (a) commends and thanks the Chair and members of the IEB and the Headmaster and Staff of the Radcliffe school for all of the effort and hard work put in over the last 22 months to enable the school to reach the point of now being removed from Special Measures;
- (b) notes with concern the fact that the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) is still to make a decision with regard to the future governance and administrative arrangements for the future of the school;
- (c) expresses it’s concern and dismay that, at a time when the school is in a very sensitive position and in need of some security and reassurance, the DCSF is still failing to make the necessary decisions with due haste and timeliness. This despite backing this Council into a very tight timescale over decisions it had to make regarding the proposed academy status;
- (d) notwithstanding the efforts of officers and the Corporate Director Children and Young People’s Services to get answers to some of these questions, request that the Chief Executive now intervenes and writes directly to the Minister in order to try and establish a firm future position; and
- (e) requests that the Chief Executive communicates in writing with all Members and stakeholders immediately upon receipt of any response from the Minister.”