

Minutes of the meeting of REGENERATIONMK COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2017 at 6.03 pm

Present: Councillor K Wilson (Chair)
Councillors Ganatra, Marland, Walker (Vice-Chair) and C Williams.

Officers: D Sharkey (Corporate Director - Place) and T Milner (Committee Manager).

Also Present: K Eames (Head of Regeneration (YourMK)), 4 representatives from Tinkers Bridge Residents Association, 2 representatives from Fullers Slade Residents Association and 1 resident from Springfield.

Apologies: Councillors R Bradburn (Vice-Chair) and Long, D Gleeson (Managing Director YourMK)

RC01 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee held on 12 April 2017 and the Minutes of the special meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee held on 17 May 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records.

RC02 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor C Williams disclosed a personal interest as the Housing spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats Group and as Chair of the Housing and Community Committee.

Councillor K Wilson disclosed a personal interest as Leader of Woughton Community Council.

RC03 DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS TO YOURMK BOARD

The Committee received a presentation on the Non-Executive Director Appointments to YourMK Board.

The Committee heard from the Chair, who indicated that following a thorough recruitment selection process, the RegenerationMK Appointment Sub-Committee had appointed three Non-Executive Directors to the YourMK Board, who would represent the Council and due to commence work on 1 September 2017. The newly appointed Directors had each been recruited on slightly different terms to compliment and meet the requirements of the three posts.

It was reported that the Mears Group were in the process of recruiting three Non-Executive Directors to the Board, who would represent the Mears Group, and currently had interim Directors.

Councillor C Williams expressed some concern over the appointments, and although he understood the commercial reality and requirements of the Regeneration Programme, it appeared that none of the three appointments were resident orientated. He requested reassurance that the appointments made were in the interest of academia and professional and were not in respect of the commercial viability of the Regeneration Programme. Councillor K Wilson reassured Councillor C Williams and the Committee that the Appointment Sub-Committee was unanimous in its decision making of all three appointments and was confident that the three Non-Executive Directors would make a difference, whilst contributing to the delivery of the Regeneration Programme for Milton Keynes.

The Committee heard from the Corporate Director - Place, who welcomed the news about the three appointments, and reported that the recruitment process and legal information had been finalised. The wealth of experience of the new Directors would be extremely complimentary to the YourMK Board, and personal profiles would be published via YourMK.

The Committee also heard that all three Directors appointed were highly respected professionals in their own fields, and had the qualities and experience, the Council was looking for. The Recruitment Panel's key qualities included resident focus, and two of the newly appointed Directors have significant experience of working with communities. It was reported that accountability of the three Directors representing the Council would be to the YourMK Board.

RESOLVED -

That the presentation on the Non-Executive Director Appointments to the YourMK Board be noted.

RC04

REGENERATIONMK - YOURMK INSIGHT ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2017

The Committee considered YourMK's Insight Annual Report April 2017.

The Committee heard from the Head of Regeneration that the stock condition survey had been completed and since April 2017, overall customer satisfaction had increased from 96.3% to 96.8%. Updates in respect of the headline 'Tomorrow' and New Homes section were namely:

- Franklins Croft, Wolverton - 9 new homes with a mixture of 2 and 3 bed properties: construction on the site would now commence on 4 September 2017.
- St George's Road, Bletchley - 10 new 2 bed apartments and 60 new temporary homes: procurement issues were the

cause of commencement delays to the project, which will potentially start in October 2017.

- Kellan Drive - 9 new 2 bed apartments: the revised construction start date was now 4 September 2017.
- Cripps Lodge - Netherfield: 100+ new homes: the vacation of Council services to more suitable premises was expected to be complete by early 2018. Engagement on the design will commence in autumn 2017.

Councillor C Williams reminded the Committee that he sits on the Housing and Community Committee and expressed his concern of the change of timings for the new house building areas and requested that residents be kept better informed. He also requested that the YourMK website be updated regularly, particularly in respect of information being provided on 'transitional dates' for any of the affected development and regeneration areas.

The Head of Regeneration noted Councillor C William's concerns and would also look at editing the text box on the 'Tomorrow' section of the report 'All new homes built by YourMK will be larger than new national space standards and cheap to run', in order to provide residents greater clarity in respects of comparisons of the current housing stock.

The Committee noted the following points of interest and queries raised:

- The Head of Regeneration reported that the delay in providing information on the stock condition survey for Fullers Slade was due to the data being analysed. The information for Fullers Slade will be presented at a high level to the community at the end of August, with the information also being published on the website. The same will be done for all regeneration areas over the coming months. An updated document will be published for residents to view via the YourMK website. Link to website: <https://yourmk.co.uk/>

Councillor K Wilson and the Committee were reassured to hear that information would be shared with residents in respect of any delays caused to areas being regenerated.

- The voting process for an Independent Resident Advisor for Fullers Slade was well underway and the successful candidate would be voted for on Saturday 29 July 2017.
- The overall work on all of the Regeneration Programme was underway and progressing well.
- Communications with residents on Fullers Slade had commenced with various events held and planned.

- A Jobs Club had opened recently in Fullers Slade, and a partnership with the Princes Trust established to support young people in Milton Keynes into the construction industry.

Councillor Walker, on behalf of the Committee, expressed his thanks to the Head of Regeneration and Team at YourMK for all the hard work undertaken on the Regeneration Programme. He also requested to be kept involved and updated particularly on the re-development of Crisps Lodge site, which once re-developed, would be used as a showcase to residents, providing a much clearer indication of what a regenerated area could offer and look like.

Councillor K Wilson informed the Committee that the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum may be held for residents in the area on 19 October 2017, and that the Plan would be a single Referendum for the whole of Woughton, and not individual Referendums. Information can be found on the Woughton Community Council's website:

http://www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Woughton-NP_Submission_FINAL.pdf

(The Committee received questions from six members of the public - three representatives from Tinkers Bridge Residents Association, two representatives from Fullers Slade Residents Association and one resident from Springfield, and concerns and issues raised were responded to by Committee members.)

RESOLVED -

1. That the report be noted.
2. That it be noted, the Head of Regeneration would facilitate community nominations for the selection of Independent Residents Advisors on future regeneration areas.

RC05

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Committee heard from the Corporate Director - Place, who suggested that as one of the main elements of the Terms of Reference had been met, that the Committee consider how often the RegenerationMK Committee meet during the year, in addition to including the Non-Executive Directors (YourMK Board) in future Committee meetings. He also suggested that the Committee and Non-Executive Directors attend Workshop sessions during the year.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Committee meet on three occasions during 2017/18, rather than the four times currently scheduled.
2. It was noted that the next meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee originally scheduled for 9 October 2017 had been re-scheduled for Tuesday 14 November 2017, and the planned meeting for 9 January 2018 had been re-scheduled

for 13 February 2018 and the meeting scheduled for 10 April 2017 cancelled.

3. That each of the newly appointed Council Non-Executive Directors to the YourMK Board be invited to attend one formal meeting of the Committee during 2017/18 and 2018/19.
4. That the Committee Manager be requested to arrange Workshop style sessions for the Committee to meet with the Non-Executive Directors twice yearly.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.42 PM

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