



Minutes of the MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor D Hopkins (Mayor)
 Councillors Alexander, Bald, Betteley, Bint, Brackenbury, R Bradburn, Buckley, Burke, Cannon, Clancy, Clifton, Coventry, Crooks, Dransfield, Eastman, Exon, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Gifford, Gowans, Green, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, Khan, Legg, Long, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, McLean, McPake, Middleton, Miles, Morla, Morris, Nolan, O'Neill, Patey-Smith, Petchey, Small, Wales, Walker, Wallis, Webb, P Williams, C Wilson and K Wilson

Apologies: Councillors M Bradburn, Brunning, Ferrans, McDonald, and C Williams and Aldermen Bartlett, Beeley, Bristow, E Henderson and Howell and Alderwomen Irons, I Henderson, Lloyd and Saunders

Also Present: circa 60 members of the public

CL98 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 January 2018 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

CL99 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None.

CL100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Bill Green

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Bill Green to his first meeting of the Council following his election for the Newport Pagnell North and Hanslope Ward.

CL101 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question from Mr T Baines to Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Mr Baines, referring to reports by residents of the Council owned bungalows on Bec Lane, Bolbeck Park, of root damage to the court yard outside the properties which made life very difficult for the elderly, less mobile and the disabled, because of the uneven surface, asked Councillor Gowans how long residents had to endure the issue before something was done.

Councillor Gowans indicated that Councillor Brackenbury had already raised this issue and it was being looked into. Once further details were available a written reply would be provided.

Mr Baines also referred to the unpleasant smell of sewerage coming from the manhole cover in the same court yard, which was coming up into residents' homes and, this despite having been reported many times, had not resulted in any action, until Friday when Environmental Health had visited. As a supplementary question, Mr Baines asked Councillor Gowans, taking account of the Council's duty of care to residents, if he thought this was acceptable and how long should tenants have to put up with this problem.

Councillor Gowans indicated that the matter was being looked at and would be dealt with, with some urgency.

CL102

RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT – NEWPORT PAGNELL NORTH AND HANSLOPE WARD BY-ELECTION

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following motion:

“That the report of the Returning Officer following the Newport Pagnell North and Hanslope Ward By-Election held on 18 January 2018 be received.”

The Council noted that Councillor Bill Green had been elected.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried by acclamation.

RESLOVED -

That the report of the Returning Officer following the Newport Pagnell North and Hanslope Ward By-Election held on 18 January 2018 be received.

CL103

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS) REGULATIONS 1990.

The Mayor moved, and the Deputy Mayor seconded, the following motion:

“That, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council note that the Conservative Group is entitled to 38.6% of the seats on the Council's Committees, the Labour Group is entitled to 38.6% of the seats and the Liberal Democrat Group is entitled to 22.8% of the seats.”

The Council noted that there were currently five vacant seats one each on the Appeals Commission, the Corporate Parenting Panel, the Joint Negotiating Committee (Employers Side), the Licencing Committee and the Regulatory Committee which, were to be Conservative Group nominations.

RESOLVED -

1. That, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council note that the Conservative Group is entitled to 38.6% of the seats on the Council's Committees, the Labour Group is entitled to 38.6% of the seats and the Liberal Democrat Group is entitled to 22.8% of the seats.
2. That the appointment of Councillor Green to vacancies on the on the Appeals Commission, Corporate Parenting Panel, Joint Negotiating Committee (Employers Side), Licencing Committee and Regulatory Committee be confirmed.

CL104

COUNCIL TAX BASE AND BUSINESS RATE BASELINE 2018/19

Councillor Middleton moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7 November 2017, which was seconded by Councillor Gifford:

“That the proposed 2018/19 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £530,000 be approved.”

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That the proposed 2018/19 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £530,000 be approved.

CL105

FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES / FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Councillor Dransfield moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Constitution Commission held on 31 January 2018, which was seconded by Councillor Marland:

“That the revised Financial Regulations, incorporating the Financial Procedure Rules, be approved for inclusion in the Constitution and to take effect from 1 April 2018, subject to:

- (a) Paragraph 3.7 being amended by the addition of ‘ / January’ after the word ‘November’;
- (b) Paragraph 21.3(a) being amended by the deletion of ‘(full two part licence must be produced)’; and
- (c) Paragraph 21.3(c) being deleted.”

On being put to the vote the recommendation from the Constitution Commission was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That the revised Financial Regulations, incorporating the Financial Procedure Rules, be approved for inclusion in the Constitution and to take effect from 1 April 2018, subject to:

- (a) Paragraph 3.7 being amended by the addition of ‘ / January’ after the word ‘November’;
- (b) Paragraph 21.3(a) being amended by the deletion of ‘(full two part licence must be produced)’; and
- (c) Paragraph 21.3(c) being deleted.

CL106

PROCEDURAL MOTION / ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor moved the following Procedural Motion in respect of the forthcoming debate on the budget, which was seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

“That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, Council Procedure Rule 13.6(f) [Ownership of motion to pass with a successful amendment] be suspended in respect of Item 4(c)(ii) [Budget Report 2018/19].”

On being put to the vote the procedural motion was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, Council Procedure Rule 13.6(f) [Ownership of motion to pass with a successful amendment] be suspended in respect of Item 4(c)(ii) [Budget Report 2018/19].

The Mayor announced, that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.4, he would allow the speech from the Leader of the Council to exceed the limit of 4 minutes, and then allow each of the Leaders of the Opposition Groups to speak for a similar time.

CL107

BUDGET REPORT 2018/19

Councillor Marland moved the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 6 February 2018, together with recommendations relating to the precepts from the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority and parish / town councils, necessary for the Council to adopt when setting the level of Council Tax, which were seconded by Councillor Middleton:

- “1. That the Revenue Budget 2018/19 totalling £190.2m be approved.
2. That the Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2021/22 be approved.
3. That the Council Tax at Band D of £1,341.55, for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax, be approved, this being an increase of 5.99%, consisting of a 2.99% general increase (including the further 1% increase allowed by the revised referendum limit), plus a further 3% precept specifically related to Adult Social Care.

4. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish Precepts) of £111.282m, be noted.
5. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 [the "Act"] (note these will be confirmed once all precepts have been received):
 - (a) £581.828m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish and town councils.
 - (b) £463.399m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3).
 - (c) £118.429m As its Council Tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4).
 - (d) £1,427.71 As the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts), being the amount at (c) above, divided by the Council Tax Base agreed on 7 November 2017.
 - (e) £7,147,359 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - (f) £1,341.55 Being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the Council Tax Base agreed on 7 November 2017, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for Milton Keynes Council, excluding Parish and Major Precepting Authorities.
6. That the following amounts be calculated for Milton Keynes Council Tax:

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MKC With 2.99% Increase	829.46	967.70	1,105.95	1,244.19	1,520.68	1,797.16	2,073.65	2,488.38
ASC Levy Further 3% Increase	64.91	75.72	86.54	97.36	119.00	140.63	162.27	194.72
MKC Total	894.37	1,043.42	1,192.49	1,341.55	1,639.68	1,937.79	2,235.92	2,683.10

7. That the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act.
8. That for the year 2018/19, Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
121.52	141.77	162.03	182.28	222.79	263.29	303.80	364.56

9. That for the year 2018/19, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
41.80	48.77	55.73	62.70	76.63	90.57	104.50	125.40

10. That as a result of the above, the amounts of Council Tax (shown in **Annexes A and B**) be set in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in the Schedule.
11. That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 to 2022/23 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, be approved.
12. That the prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure and the Capital Financing Requirement, the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt, the Affordability Prudential Indicators and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for the years 2018/19 to 2022/23, be approved.
13. That the Authorised Limit for external debt of £755m for 2018/19, to be the statutory limit determined under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 be approved.
14. That the resource allocation for the 2018/19 Tariff programme be approved.

15. That the fees and charges for 2018/19 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved.
16. That the advance payment of £21m employer pension contributions be approved.
17. That the estimated position for Dedicated Schools Grant for 2018/19 be noted.
18. That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget 2018/19 be adopted.
19. That the Housing Revenue Account Dwelling Rent 2018/19, a reduction of 1%, an average of 88p per week, be approved.
20. That the financial forecast set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan, in relation to both resources and expenditure, be noted.
21. That the 2018/19 levies payable to the Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency be noted.”

The Council received the Budget Scrutiny Committee’s report on the Budget 2018/19, presented by Councillor R Bradburn, Chair of the Committee, together with the written response from Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation) to the recommendations from the Budget Scrutiny Committee.

The Mayor, noting that both the Conservative Group amendments and the Liberal Democrat Group amendment were received at the same time, took a vote on which amendments should be taken first.

The voting was as follows:

Votes for taking the Conservative Group amendments first: 20

Votes for taking the Liberal Democrat Group amendments first: 31

The Mayor declared that the Liberal Democrat Group amendments would be taken first.

Councillor R Bradburn moved the following amendment on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group, which was seconded by Councillor Brackenbury and accepted by Councillor Marland, mover of the motion:

“That the following words be added to the end of recommendation 1 from the Cabinet meeting on 6 February 2018:

’, subject to:

(a) Public Realm – Street Cleansing

The removal of savings proposal R71 Graffiti Removal Team £50k to ensure retention of the current number of graffiti removal teams, and so maintain the current high standard of

graffiti removal within Milton Keynes, with this base budget change being funded from the resources generated by the additional proposed increase in Council Tax of 1%.

(b) Public Realm – Highways

The removal of savings proposal R72 Grit Bins £10k to ensure that there is sufficient budget to re-stock grit bins, with this base budget change being funded from the resources generated by the additional proposed increase in Council Tax of 1%.

(c) Public Realm – On-Street Car Parking

The inclusion of an additional item to one-off expenditure pressures of £25k in both 2018/19 and 2019/20 (total of £50k) to fund investment in enforcing Resident Only parking schemes across Milton Keynes, with this one-off expenditure being funded from the resources generated by the additional proposed increase in Council Tax of 1% and the investment being removed from the budget in 2020/21.

(d) Parish and Town Councils' and Community Groups – Litter Picking and Landscape Fund

The inclusion of an additional item to one-off expenditure pressures of £100k in 2018/19 only, as a revenue contribution to capital to fund support for parish councils to undertake local community “clean ups” through purchasing litter picking and landscaping equipment. This one-off expenditure being funded from the resources generated by the additional proposed increase in Council Tax of 1% and the investment being removed from the budget in 2019/20.”

The Mayor announced that as the Liberal Democrat Group amendment had been accepted by the mover of the motion, the amendments submitted by the Conservative Group relating to Graffiti Removal and Grit Bins would fall.

Councillor Bald moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor A Geary:

“That the following words be added to the end of recommendation 1 from the Cabinet meeting on 6 February 2018:

‘, subject to the inclusion of the following one-off revenue expenditure pressure:

Housing Services - Homelessness

£2million to be invested on a programme of work to prevent and reduce homelessness with particular focus on rough sleepers and single people, including those with mental health and addiction issues, and those leaving the armed forces, in line with the Leaders commitment to Armed Forces Covenant, with this one-off expenditure being funded from reserves.”

Councillor Jenkins moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor A Geary:

“That the following words be added to the end of recommendation 1 from the Cabinet meeting on 6 February 2018:

‘, subject to the following additional base budget pressure in 2018/19:

Adult Social Care & Health - Safeguarding Adults.

£200k to be invested in measures to improve and support the adult safeguarding team, supporting them with the ability to investigate more thoroughly safeguarding referrals, raised as an issue in the recent Action on Elder Abuse report, which showed Milton Keynes was the worst in the country when investigating reported incidents of safeguarding concern.

This base budget change to be funded from the resources generated by the additional proposed increase in Council Tax of 1%.”

Councillor P Geary moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor A Geary:

“That the following words be added to the end of recommendation 1 from the Cabinet meeting on 6 February 2018:

‘, subject to:

Growth, Economy & Culture - Wider Use Funding R115

The removal of savings proposal R115 Wider Use funding of £32k, in both 2019/20 and 2020/21 and no budget reduction in Wider Use Grants in 2018/19, with allocations of grants made in 2018/19 being made against the same criteria as in previous years.

Any reductions in funding in wider use grants or change to the criteria applied in grant allocations in future years will only be acceptable after undertaking full and meaningful consultation with all groups affected and understanding the full impact of any cuts at individual grant level, an approach consistent with the cross-party agreement made last year after the budget amendment had been unanimously passed at Council.

Any base budget changes in 2019/20 and 2020/21, agreed after consultation, being funded by re-allocating New Homes Bonus funding from capital to revenue.”

Councillor Walker moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor A Geary:

“That the following words be added to the end of recommendation 1 from the Cabinet meeting on 6 February 2018:

’, subject to:

Public Realm – Pot Holes R64

Council noting that R64 signals the Administration’s intention to abandon its manifesto pledge to repair all potholes within 14 days, now not even guaranteeing to repair them within 28 days, and that this will be seen by residents as a retrograde step; leaving more holes for longer causing more vehicle damage and more insurance claims against the Council, leaving more people upset with Milton Keynes Council.

The proposed saving of £100k in 2019/20 being put on hold until scrutiny has had the opportunity to examine the impacts of these proposals and make recommendations, with any base budget change in 2019/20, arising from the recommendations, being funded from re-allocating New Homes Bonus funding from capital to revenue.”

Councillor P Geary moved the following amendments, which were seconded by Councillor A Geary:

“That the following words be added to the end of recommendation 1 from the Cabinet meeting on 6 February 2018:

’, subject to:

- (a) the following additional base budget pressure in 2018/19:

Public Realm - Weed Spraying

£50k to be invested in order to reinstate weed spraying twice a year across the Borough, with this base budget change being funded from re-allocating New Homes Bonus funding from capital to revenue.’

- (b) the inclusion of the following one-off revenue expenditure pressure:

Public Realm – Litter Picking

£300k in 2018/19, as a result of reductions in the litter picking schedule, roads across Milton Keynes are looking very untidy, particularly during winter when vegetation is low and this one-off investment, will fund litter cleaning from the side of roads in hedges and bushes, and along footpaths and Redways and in other public areas, with this one-off expenditure being funded from reserves.”

Councillor A Geary moved the following amendments, which were seconded by Councillor Walker:

“That the following words be added to the end of recommendation 1 from the Cabinet meeting on 6 February 2018:

‘, subject to:

(a) Public Realm - Waste strategy – Recycling (Pink) Sacks

The removal of saving proposal R74 (£70k), changes to the ordering and delivery methodology of additional Pink recycling sacks, pending further work with parish councils and other organisations to consider alternative solutions as Council is concerned about the lack of evidence backing up the claim that the additional delivery costs, will be balanced by reduced numbers of pink sacks issued and believes that the proposal will result in reduced recycling rates and an increase in the use of black sacks, which in the end result will be additional costs for residents to bear, not less.

This base budget change to be funded from re-allocating New Homes Bonus funding from capital to revenue.”

(b) the following additional base budget pressure in 2018/19:

Regulatory Services - Pest Control

£50k to be invested in proactive pest control measures to combat rat infestation, with this base budget change being funded from re-allocating New Homes Bonus funding from capital to revenue.”

(c) the following additional base budget pressure in 2018/19:

Children and Families – Children’s Centres

£15k of the back-office savings from Children’s Centres, being reinvested into running additional sessions for vulnerable children where there is the requisite demand. This base budget change would be funded from re-allocating New Homes Bonus funding from capital to revenue.”

(d) the inclusion of the following one-off revenue expenditure pressure:

Growth, Economy & Culture - Libraries

£20k in 2018/19, to increase Council library opening hours at peak times when libraries are often closed, with this one-off expenditure being funded from reserves.”

Councillor A Geary moved the following amendments, which were seconded by Councillor Walker:

“That the following words be added to the end of recommendation 2 from the Cabinet meeting on 6 February 2018:

‘, subject to the inclusion in the Capital Programme of the following schemes:

(a) Public Realm – Highways

An additional £300k to be included into the carriageway re-surfacing programme for 2018/19, as this sum represents about half of the proposed budget reduction in carriageway resurfacing

in 2018/19 compared to 2017/18 and will assist in pot hole prevention, a consistent and significant issue raised by residents. This one-off expenditure to be funded from reserves.”

(b) Public Realm - Highways – Street Lighting

£100k being added to the LED lamp replacement programme, to increase the speed of implementation of new LED street lighting across Milton Keynes, so reducing the remaining number of street lamps not working, pending their replacement with LED, with this one-off expenditure being funded from reserves.”

(c) Public Realm – Highways - Road Safety

£250k being invested in Road Safety, including staff to manage the programme of work, to address the backlog in Ward level road safety works, so increasing the total capital budget for 2018/19 from £80k to £415k (including £85k unspent from 2017/18), which despite these pressures remains unspent, with this one-off expenditure to be funded from reserves.”

(d) Public Realm – Highways - Road Markings

An additional £100k to be invested in Road Markings, to cover white lining and other road markings, with this one-off expenditure being funded from reserves.”

The Council heard from 5 members of the public on the draft budget and the various amendments.

A recorded vote was requested on each of the amendments moved and not accepted.

The voting was as follows:

Amendment moved by Councillor Bald (Housing Services - Homelessness)

FOR: Councillors Bald, Bint, Buckley, Clancy, Dransfield, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith, Small and Walker (20)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Betteley, Brackenbury, R Bradburn, Burke, Cannon, Clifton, Coventry, Crooks, Eastman, Exon, Gifford, Gowans, Khan, Legg, Long, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, McPake, Middleton, Miles, Nolan, O'Neill, Petchey, Wales, Wallis, Webb, P Williams, C Wilson, and K Wilson (32)

The amendment was declared lost.

Amendment moved by Councillor Jenkins (Adult Social Care & Health - Safeguarding Adults)

FOR: Councillors Bald, Bint, Buckley, Clancy, Dransfield, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith, Small and Walker (20)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Betteley, Brackenbury, R Bradburn, Burke, Cannon, Clifton, Coventry, Crooks, Eastman, Exon, Gifford, Gowans, Khan, Legg, Long, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, McPake, Middleton, Miles, Nolan, O'Neill, Petchey, Wales, Wallis, Webb, P Williams, C Wilson, and K Wilson (32)

The amendment was declared lost.

Amendment moved by Councillor P Geary (Growth, Economy & Culture - Wider Use Funding R115)

FOR: Councillors Bald, Bint, Buckley, Clancy, Dransfield, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith, Small and Walker (20)

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The amendment was declared lost.

Amendment moved by Councillor Walker (Public Realm – Pot Holes R64)

FOR: Councillors Bald, Bint, Buckley, Clancy, Dransfield, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith, Small and Walker (20)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Betteley, Brackenbury, R Bradburn, Burke, Cannon, Clifton, Coventry, Crooks, Eastman, Exon, Gifford, Gowans, Khan, Legg, Long, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, McPake, Middleton, Miles, Nolan, O'Neill, Petchey, Wales, Wallis, Webb, P Williams, C Wilson, and K Wilson (32)

The amendment was declared lost.

Amendments moved by Councillor P Geary (Public Realm - Weed Spraying and Public Realm – Litter Picking)

FOR: Councillors Bald, Bint, Buckley, Clancy, Dransfield, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith, Small and Walker (20)

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The amendments were declared lost.

Amendments moved by Councillor A Geary (Public Realm - Waste strategy – Recycling [Pink] Sacks, Regulatory Services - Pest Control, Children and Families – Children's Centres and Growth, Economy & Culture - Libraries)

FOR: Councillors Bald, Bint, Buckley, Clancy, Dransfield, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith, Small and Walker (20)

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The amendments were declared lost.

Amendments moved by Councillor A Geary (Public Realm – Highways, Public Realm - Highways – Street Lighting, Public Realm – Highways - Road Safety and Public Realm – Highways - Road Markings)

FOR: Councillors Bald, Bint, Buckley, Clancy, Dransfield, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith, Small and Walker (20)

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The amendments were declared lost.

The voting on the substantive motion was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Alexander, Betteley, Brackenbury, R Bradburn, Burke, Cannon, Clifton, Coventry, Crooks, Eastman, Exon, Gifford, Gowans, Khan, Legg, Long, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, McPake, Middleton, Miles, Nolan, O'Neill, Petchey, Wales, Wallis, Webb, P Williams, C Wilson, and K Wilson (32)

AGAINST: Councillors Bald, Buckley, Clancy, Dransfield, Ganatra, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, McLean, Morla, Patey-Smith, Small and Walker (18)

The substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Revenue Budget 2018/19 totalling £190.2m be approved, subject to:

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The removal of savings proposal R72 Grit Bins £10k to ensure that there is sufficient budget to re-stock grit bins, with this base budget change being funded from the resources generated by the additional proposed increase in Council Tax of 1%.

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2. That the Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2021/22 be approved.
3. That the Council Tax at Band D of £1,341.55, for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax, be approved, this being an increase of 5.99%, consisting of a 2.99% general increase (including the further 1% increase allowed by the revised referendum limit), plus a further 3% precept specifically related to Adult Social Care.
4. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish Precepts) of £111.282m, be noted.
5. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 [the “Act”] (note these will be confirmed once all precepts have been received):
 - (a) £581.828m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish and town councils.
 - (b) £463.399m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3).
 - (c) £118.429m As its Council Tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4).
 - (d) £1,427.71 As the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts), being the amount at (c) above, divided by the Council Tax Base agreed on 7 November 2017.

- (e) £7,147,359 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £1,341.55 Being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the Council Tax Base agreed on 7 November 2017, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for Milton Keynes Council, excluding Parish and Major Precepting Authorities.

6. That the following amounts be calculated for Milton Keynes Council Tax:

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
MKC With 2.99% Increase	829.46	967.70	1,105.95	1,244.19	1,520.68	1,797.16	2,073.65	2,488.38
ASC Levy Further 3% Increase	64.91	75.72	86.54	97.36	119.00	140.63	162.27	194.72
MKC Total	894.37	1,043.42	1,192.49	1,341.55	1,639.68	1,937.79	2,235.92	2,683.10

7. That the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act.
8. That for the year 2018/19, Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS							
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
121.52	141.77	162.03	182.28	222.79	263.29	303.80	364.56

9. That for the year 2018/19, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS							
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
41.80	48.77	55.73	62.70	76.63	90.57	104.50	125.40

10. That as a result of the above, the amounts of Council Tax (shown in **Annexes A and B**) be set in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in the Schedule.
11. That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 to 2022/23 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, be approved.
12. That the prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure and the Capital Financing Requirement, the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt, the Affordability Prudential Indicators and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for the years 2018/19 to 2022/23, be approved.
13. That the Authorised Limit for external debt of £755m for 2018/19, to be the statutory limit determined under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 be approved.
14. That the resource allocation for the 2018/19 Tariff programme be approved.
15. That the fees and charges for 2018/19 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved.
16. That the advance payment of £21m employer pension contributions be approved.
17. That the estimated position for Dedicated Schools Grant for 2018/19 be noted.
18. That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget 2018/19 be adopted.
19. That the Housing Revenue Account Dwelling Rent 2018/19, a reduction of 1%, an average of 88p per week, be approved.
20. That the financial forecast set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan, in relation to both resources and expenditure, be noted.
21. That the 2018/19 levies payable to the Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency be noted.

SINGLE USE PLASTICS AND DISPOSABLE CUPS

Councillor Gowans moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor P Williams:

- “1. That this Council notes:
 - (a) the impact on the environment of single use plastics and disposable coffee cups;
 - (b) that the UK uses every year 2.5 billion disposable coffee cups, but only recycles 0.25%, and 14 billion plastic bottles, but only recycles about half; and
 - (c) that plastic is now found in a third of UK caught fish, that by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the sea; and that plastic has now even been found in samples of tap water.

2. That the Council welcomes:
 - (a) the BBC programme Blue Planet II for bringing this to the public’s attention;
 - (b) the success of the charge for plastic carrier bags which has resulted in an 83% decrease in their use and the recent introduction on a ban on plastic microbeads; and
 - (c) recent moves from the government to look at reducing the use of single use plastics and disposable coffee cups through its 25 Year Environment Plan.

3. That this Council resolves:
 - (a) for Milton Keynes Council to be an example to the local community by becoming a signatory to the Plastic Free Pledge and eliminating the use of single use plastics and disposable coffee cups in all Council business, insofar as is possible;
 - (b) for Milton Keynes Council to encourage local businesses and residents to play their part in reducing the use of single use plastics and disposable coffee cups; and
 - (c) that the Regulatory Committee review the Street Trading Policy to ensure all licensed street traders use biodegradable or recyclable packaging.”

Councillor Morris moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Miles and accepted by the mover of the motion:

- “1. That the following new clause 2(d) be added:
‘2 (d) that the Street Trader policy in Milton Keynes, already requires applicants to reduce their environmental impact, using for example recyclable products and energy efficient processes.’
2. That all of the words after the word ‘Committee’ in clause 3(c) be deleted and replaced with the words ‘considers if there are any recycling requirements that could be placed on all licensed premises, within current legislation’.”

On being put to the vote the motion, as amended was declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED –

1. That this Council notes:
 - (a) the impact on the environment of single use plastics and disposable cups;
 - (b) that the UK uses every year 2.5 billion disposable coffee and similar cups, but only recycles 0.25%, and 14 billion plastic bottles, but only recycles about half; and
 - (c) that plastic is now found in a third of UK caught fish, that by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the sea; and that plastic has now even been found in samples of tap water.
2. That the Council welcomes:
 - (a) the BBC programme Blue Planet II for bringing this to the public’s attention;
 - (b) the success of the charge for plastic carrier bags which has resulted in an 83% decrease in their use and the recent introduction on a ban on plastic microbeads;
 - (c) recent moves from the Government to look at reducing the use of single use plastics and disposable cups through its 25 Year Environment Plan; and
 - (d) that the Street Trader policy in Milton Keynes, already requires applicants to reduce their environmental impact, using for example recyclable products and energy efficient processes.

3. That this Council resolves:
- (a) for Milton Keynes Council to be an example to the local community by becoming a signatory to the Plastic Free Pledge and eliminating the use of single use plastics and disposable cups in all Council business, insofar as is possible;
 - (b) for Milton Keynes Council to encourage local businesses and residents to play their part in reducing the use of single use plastics and disposable cups; and
 - (c) that the Regulatory Committee considers if there are any recycling requirements that could be placed on all licensed premises, within current legislation.

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LEADERS EXECUTIVE SCHEME OF DELEGATION - REVISIONS

The Council received the revisions to the Procurement and Financial Scheme of Delegation arising from the amendments to Financial Procedure Rules / Financial Regulations agreed earlier by the Council (Minute CL105), which formed an Annex to the Leaders Executive Scheme of Delegation.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 10:27 PM