

DECISION SHEET: CABINET – 2 FEBRUARY 2021

Councillors Present:	Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) Councillors Baume, Darlington, Nolan, O’Neill, Townsend and J Wilson-Marklew
Apologies:	Councillor Middleton
Officers Present:	M Bracey (Chief Executive), T Aldworth (Deputy Chief Executive), S Richardson (Director of Finance and Resources), S Bridglalsingh (Director of Law and Governance), A Rulton (Joint Head of Finance and s151 Officer), N Hutchin (Joint Head of Finance and s151 Officer), W Rysdale (Head of Housing Delivery), A Jordan (Welfare Reform Manager), L Wheaton (Budget and Financial Planning Manager), P Brown (Head of Democratic Services), R Tidman (Committee Services Manager).
Also present:	Councillors R Bradburn, Carr, Ferrans, Gilbert, McLean, Rankine, Walker and 1 member of the public.

Minute Ref.	Accountable Cabinet Member	Subject and Decision	Borough Ward	Officer(s) Responsible
C52	Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)	Minutes That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 December 2020 be agreed.	-	Committee Manager
C53		Disclosures of Interest None Disclosed.	-	-
C54	Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)	Announcements There were no announcements	-	-

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C55		<p>Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>There were no questions from members of the public.</p>	-	-
C56 & C57		<p>Councillor's Items and Questions</p> <p>Councillors asked questions as follows:</p> <p>(a) Councillor R Bradburn in connection with the recent missing rubbish collections.</p> <p>Councillor Darlington undertook to keep ward councillors up to date with the situation in terms of missed collections and any subsequent clean up days.</p> <p>(b) Councillor Mclean in connection with the flooding in December to a number of villages in the Olney Ward.</p> <p>Councillor J Wilson-Marklew undertook to review the list of villages that may need a S19 investigation.</p> <p>(c) Councillor Gilbert in connection with the current disruption to waste services.</p> <p>Councillor Darlington undertook to explain the matter further to Councillor Gilbert.</p>	<p>Wolverton, Stony Stratford, Newport Pagnell North & Loughton & Shenley</p> <p>Olney Ward</p> <p>All</p>	<p>Head of Environment and Waste</p> <p>Head of Environment and Waste</p> <p>Head of Environment and Waste</p>

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C58	Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)	Referral from Council – 25 November 2020 – Mass Testing for COVID-19 in Milton Keynes That the written response provided, be noted.	All	-
C59	Councillor O’Neill (Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing)	Referral from Council – 25 November 2020 – The Impact of COVID-19 on Mental Health and Mental Health Services That the written response provided, be noted.	All	-
C60	Councillor Nolan (Cabinet member for Children and Families)	Referral from Council – 25 November 2020 – No Child Should Go Hungry That the written response provided, be noted.	All	-
C61	Councillor Darlington (Cabinet member for Public Realm and Housing Services)	Referral from Council – 25 November 2020 – Keeping Affordable Homes Affordable That the written response provided, be noted.	All	-

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C62	Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)	<p>Council Budget for 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 – 2024/25</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Revenue Budget 2021/22 totalling £210.434m be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council. 2. That the Council Tax at Band D of £1,465.59, for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax, be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council. This is an increase of 2.50%, consisting of a 1.99% general increase and 0.51% Adult Social Care Precept. 3. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish Precepts) of £126.354m, be noted. 4. That the estimated position for the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2021/22 be noted. 	All	Director of Finance and Resources

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C62 (cont.)		<p>5. That the forecast parking surplus be noted.</p> <p>6. That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget 2021/22 be recommended to Council for adoption.</p> <p>7. That the Housing Revenue Account Dwelling Rent 2021/22, an increase of 1.5% as set out in paragraph 2.63, an average of £1.33 per week, be recommended to Council.</p> <p>8. That the advance payment of £17.606m employer pension contributions for 2021/22 be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.</p> <p>9. That the fees and charges for 2021/22 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.</p> <p>10. That the Capital Strategy be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.</p> <p>11. That the Capital Programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25 be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.</p> <p>12. That the resource allocation for the 2021/22 Tariff programme be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.</p>	All	Director of Finance and Resources

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C62 (cont.)		<p>13. That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22 to 2025/26 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Borrowing Limits be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council.</p> <p>14. That the financial forecast set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), in relation to both resources and expenditure, be noted.</p> <p>15. The equalities impact assessments for the Revenue Budget 2021/22, as set out in Section 3 be noted.</p> <p>16. That the following be added to the Draft Budget Proposals to be recommended to Full Council:</p> <p>(a) That for 2021/22 only, Ward Budgets are increased by £1,000 to enable individual members to support local organisations and groups to fund the costs of COVID prevention, education and support projects and schemes. Funded from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund.</p> <p>(b) That £50,000 funding be allocated immediately from reserves from additional highway defect repairs to be spent before 30 March 2021.</p>	All	Director of Finance and Resources

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C63	Councillor Darlington (Cabinet member for Public Realm and Housing Services)	<p>Housing Revenue Account Business Plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the updates to the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan be noted. 2. That Cabinet note the Rolling Business Plan Model at Annex B (which sets out the projected 30-year forecast based on achieving Decent Homes Standard and investment in approved new build and regeneration schemes) and forecast borrowing capacity based on these current assumptions. 3. That the Rent and Service Charge Policy at Annex D be approved which sets out the principles MKC applies in calculating rents and service charges for its housing stock and creates the procedural framework for rent setting, service charges and income collection. 	All	<p>Director of Environment and Property</p> <p>Director of Finance and Resources</p>

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C64	Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)	<p>Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22</p> <p>1. That Cabinet recommend to Full Council to approve the following in relation to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme to take effect from 1 April 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Introduce a tolerance rule on all working age cases, which would prevent the reissue of a Council Tax bill in every case where the Council Tax Reduction award has changed by £0.50 or less a week. ii. Delegate, to the Director of Finance and Resources, approval of any additional technical legislative amendments required, to reflect changes to related benefits and retain administrative simplicity. iii. Retain all other aspects of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as adopted by the Council on 22 January 2020. 	All	Director of Finance and Resources

A request to call-in a decision, bearing the names of two Members of the Council, the Chair or Clerk of a Parish or Town Council, or signed by twenty residents of Milton Keynes, should be sent to the Director (Law and Governance), Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ, Telephone: (01908) 252095 or e-mail: sharon.bridlalsingh@milton-keynes.gov.uk no later than **5.00 pm** on Friday 12th February 2021.

In submitting the request to the Director Law and Governance for a decision to be called-in, the requester must specify reason/reasons for calling in the decision.

Only the decision at Minute Ref C63 may be called-in.

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