

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2016 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Gibb, Horan, Kearon, Kelley, Lindop, N Long, S Long, McKenzie, Moore, Phillips, Revell, Shadul Rahman, Sinclair and Thomas.

In attendance: Fiona Robinson (MK Futures 2050 Programme Manager), the Clerk and 5 members of the public.

FC16/119 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Harvey, Hircock, Pallett, Shamsur Rahman and Wales.

FC16/120 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Revell declared an interest in matters relating to the MK Futures 2050 Programme.

FC16/121 MK Futures 2050

Fiona Robinson presented information regarding the MK Futures 2050 Programme. It was noted that a Commission had been established as an independent body to explore potential long term futures for Milton Keynes. The Commission had looked at where MK was doing well and the challenges it faces for the future. The resulting proposed MK Futures 2050 Programme, approved by MKC, features the following 5 projects:

Project 1: Growth and Strategy Bundle – incorporates Strategy for 2050, joining up with Plan:MK, discussions around New Deal, delivery vehicles and funding mechanisms and linking with MKC's role on the Cambridge-MK-Oxford corridor.

Project 2: MK:IT – a new style university for Milton Keynes.

Project 3: Learning 2050 – How to best enhance provision in the City.

Project 4: Smart, Shared, Sustainable Mobility.

Project 5: Renaissance CMK – creating a more vibrant centre with new uses for buildings.

Project 6: Creative and Cultured City – includes continued work on European Capital of Culture 2023 bid.

The following additional information was provided in response to questions raised by those Members present:

- It was possible that a "Cultural Trust" might be established as part of the programme to act in a similar capacity to the Parks Trust.
- MKC will need to consider and agree ways forward in ensuring that its projects meet the needs of its diverse community.
- Project 3 would probably be the place to consider plans for further local consultation and engagement.
- The Commission did not address health and social care issues as this is a subject that MKC are considering.
- 80% of the Commission members were from outside MK but all had links to MK. The intention was to provide an external/international viewpoint and learn from elsewhere.
- Engagement with young people had been undertaken through schools and social media with "My Say MK" Workshops.