

## WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2017 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY

**Present:** Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Sally Crockett, Stephen Crockett, Gibb, Harvey, Helder, Hircock, Kelley, Lindop, N Long, S Long, McKenzie, Phillips, Sinclair, Thomas and Wales.

**In attendance:** the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

**FC17/71 Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs Horan and Revell.

**FC17/72 Declarations of Interest** - None.

**FC17/73 Working Locally – Into the future**

Members noted the following documents that had been provided as background information to assist this Council in considering its position regarding partnership work with MKC in respect of the future delivery of local services:

- West Bletchley Council Chair's report re: Parishes' Forum meeting held on 15/06/17
- E-mail correspondence from MKALC re: MKALC/MKC Conference actions
- E-mail update from MKC with attached Q&A document
- Briefing Note to Parish Councils re: Weed Control
- Letter from MKC confirming allocation of funding for devolved landscaping services.

Whilst Members considered that the information provided to date was not sufficient to enable the Council to agree its involvement in the future delivery of services it was noted that this Council already played a part in the delivery of the following:

- Landscape maintenance
- Litter picking
- Litter bin emptying
- Fly tipping
- Graffiti removal
- Maintenance of street signs and furniture
- Older people's support services and activities
- Youth services

It was further noted that this Council had agreed to the transfer of play areas to this Council and would accordingly take on responsibility for the maintenance of these.

In addition the Clerk confirmed that responsibility for the landscape maintenance of areas of housing land, currently maintained by MKC, would be added to this Council's contract when the land had been agreed as being of an adoptable standard.

In respect of other public realm services Members also noted that in the survey of residents undertaken in late 2016 the majority of residents agreed that this Council should ensure that all of the identified non-statutory public realm services continue to be provided.

The Council discussed the merits of the following models of delivery that could be used to deliver extended or new services:

- This Council's own staff and contractors
- Shared delivery with other parishes
- Purchasing services through existing MKC contract
- Purchasing services direct from existing MKC supplier (under a framework arrangement)

In conclusion it was agreed that as the Council was not yet in a position to agree its involvement in the future delivery of services then it was similarly unable to consider which models of delivery it might adopt. It was agreed, however, that in respect of these matters none of the service and delivery options should, at this stage, be ruled either in or out.