

**Minutes of the meeting of the Estates Committee
held on Tuesday 14 January 2025 at 6.30pm
at the Springfield Centre, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

This meeting was open to the public

Members Present

Cllr L Adura
Cllr R Golding (Chair)
Cllr B Greenwood
Cllr J Hearnshaw

Cllr J Howard - arrived 6.31pm
Cllr K Kavarana
Cllr K Kent
Cllr M Petchey – arrived 6.33pm

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr B Barton – work commitment
Cllr V Dixon – family commitment
Cllr D Pafford – unwell

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Declarations of Interest

None

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Members of the Public Present

None

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 November 2024

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

None

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Council Allotments

- i. **Allotment Tenancies – Report E07/24**

Committee considered and resolved to recommend to Council a change from the current fixed term (annual) tenancy agreement to an ongoing periodic agreement. Making the change to a periodic agreement would significantly reduce the amount of time and resource used in the annual renewal process.

ii. **Site Update – Report E08/24**

The Committee receive and noted a quarterly site update from the Estates Manager.

71/24 Springfield Centre Disabled Parking Bay Provision

It was resolved at the September 24 meeting of the Committee that a recommendation be made to Council that this project should not be pursued based on it being unfeasible with the project to potentially be revisited at a later date. This decision was ratified at the September 24 meeting of Council. An amount remains in the earmarked reserves for this project, as agreed at the November 24 meeting of Council. The associated planning permission for the development expires in June 2025.

Committee resolved to recommend to Council that the project is cancelled on a permanent basis.

72/24 CPCC Annual Resident Consultation 2025/26

Committee reviewed and noted the results of the Annual Resident Consultation 2025/26 - two issues relating to 20mph zone (Oldbrook) the introduction of yellow lines to be referred to the Planning Committee.

73/24 Devolved Landscaping Agreement 2025/26

Committee noted that it has been confirmed by MKCC that the current estimate of the inflation linked increase is 4.27%. Anticipated amounts will be confirmed shortly with payments expected for the full year 2025-26 in April / Early May.

74/24 Tractor Incident

Committee noted the street furniture (2 x Red Way lighting columns) damage that occurred when the landscape team were carrying out hedge reduction work in Willen as part of the MKCC devolved service arrangement. The damage resulted in one lighting column needing to be replaced and the other one repaired at a combined cost of £2,358 + VAT. An incident review has been carried out, with points of learning applied appropriately. The matter has been referred to Zurich Insurance who are liaising directly with Ringway (MKCC lighting contractor).

75/24 Community Hub, Working Group Update and Recommendations

Committee received an update from the Working Group, including that the current forecast is for the construction to be completed (and the building handed over to the Council) in early April. Committee also received, considered the following:

- Contractors Report no.11
- Progress Photos
- Updated Project Programme
- Café Operator update

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Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 6.30pm