



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
Budget Meeting held on 17th January 2019  
At Margaret Powell House, Midsummer Boulevard,  
Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:** Rebecca Kurth (Chair)  
Hilarie Bowman  
Linda Inoki  
Andrew Thomas  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Ramo Erdogan, Oya Discombe

**Absent:** Andre Brady

**In attendance:** No members of the public were present

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
017/19	<b>Apologies</b> Councillors Erdogan and Discombe extended their apologies.	
018/19	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no additional declarations of interest in regard to items featuring on the agenda.	
019/19	<b>Cost Projections for Updating CMK Alliance Plan</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.  Councillor Thomas reported on a meeting to introduce the major review of the planning system conducted by Nick Raynsford, noting that any ageing plans, neighbourhood or council, need to be updated. He noted that the Raynsford report was discouraging, the UK planning system having become less plan-led, leading to concerns over the value of plan-making policy in its entirety.  Recognising that the inclusion of the sum of £20,000 within the budget for the forthcoming year does not predetermine the outcome of a detailed proposal to be placed before the Town Council in due course, the paper was noted and the sum approved.  It was clarified that the available grant is for the work to be undertaken, not necessarily the outcomes.  Clarification was also provided that the sum allocated for updating the CMK Alliance Plan may not be fully employed. The Chair was requested to determine at what points in the process it would be possible to withdraw if this was felt to be a prudent course of action.	
020/19	<b>Quarter 3 actuals and forecast to year end 31/3/2019</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.	

	<p>The major variances to the half year adjusted forecast were noted.</p> <p>The inclusion of an accruals sheet going forward was welcomed.</p>	
021/19	<p><b>Budget &amp; Precept Proposals 2019/20</b> The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>The proposed operating budget was discussed in some detail, and the projections, as stated, were agreed.</p> <p>Councillors acknowledged that it is prudent to budget for the Community Enabler for a full year, in the expectation that this role should continue should the pilot prove successful.</p>	
022/19	<p><b>Precept 2019/2020</b> Pursuant to discussions as above, the Town Council agreed to increase its precept by 4.8%, which equates to a Band 'D' equivalent levy of £76.07.</p>	
023/19	<p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The transfers to savings accounts from the Town Council's current account were approved.</p>	
024/19	<p><b>Items for Next Agenda</b> None</p> <p>The meeting closed at 6.25pm.</p> <p><b>The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Centrecom</b></p>	

Chair's Signature.....

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