

## **Supplementary UC Report**

### **Little Brickhill PC (Monday 26 June 2023)**

This is in addition to the report submitted earlier in the month.

#### **Parishes Forum**

I attended the parishes forum on Thursday 15 June. This is a brief resume.

Nick Hannon provided a presentation relating to the new

- Waste Collection contract
- Street Cleansing contract
- Landscape Maintenance contract and
- Play Area and Maintenance contract.

The waste related contracts are awarded to Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd and Glendale Managed Services Limited (landscape maintenance). Both commence in September.

A copy of the presentation is attached to this report.

Points of interest.

- Parishes will be able to make top up payments for additional work in their area (contact Euan Darling [Euan.Darling@Milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Euan.Darling@Milton-keynes.gov.uk) to make arrangements or discuss options).

#### **Questions raised.**

- Delivering bins during the holiday period – will this lead to bins being left unattended and thus highlight the fact that people at a particular address are away and thus the property becomes prone to being broken in to?
- Who is cleaning the redways? Who is cleaning the street signs? Who will be clearing grass from gutters? Who is cutting back vegetation, especially overhanging vegetation from Parks Trust land? – the answer to each question was that they are all included in the SUEZ contract.
- Can Parishes have sight of the contract with the contractors?
- Is there a list, street by street, of which streets have bins and which will have sacks instead? (No is the answer it's a property by property decision)
- Will Serco staff TUPE across to Suez? – Yes, but there will be a change of process and culture and there will be regular meetings with unions.
- As the bins are being unloaded for delivery carriageway and highways being taken out of use without signs warning of the road blockage.
- Is there Smart Technology on the wheelie bins? – No

- Can Parish / Estate wide reviews be undertaken to deal with ongoing issues? -There is a landscape design review underway which will be city wide. This is also looking at replacing inappropriate planting etc and Nick is happy to liaise with Parishes to bring these reviews forward.
- Will Serco landscape staff move across via TUPE and will there be a reduction in pesticide use? Yes, to TUPE but no to reduction in pesticide use. Herbicides do not work so well and lead to damage to pavements, pathways etc leading to much higher maintenance bills in the medium to long term.

### **Accessing Section 106 Funding**

James Williamson outlined the process.

- Parishes were reminded to always set out 106 expectations in any response to a planning consultation.
- A project must always be legally compliant to quality for payments being included.

Details at <https://pfm.exacom.co.uk/miltonkeynes/>

Training on the use of Exacom will be made available.

- New 106 release forms and process notes are available.
- There is a new accessible spending tracker process.
- Contact Sharon Price [Sharon.Price@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Sharon.Price@milton-keynes.gov.uk) the planning obligations officer.
- A planning permission is not officially granted until a S106 agreement is signed.
- Woburn Sands TC asked about 106 contributions in kind – for example the new Sports Hall in Woburn Sands. The hall has many snagging issues that Taylor Wimpey appears unwilling to address. Can MKCC help bring Taylor Wimpey to the table and draw up a list of redial / corrective solutions to these issues.

### **Parish Council White Ribbon Campaign**

<https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk/>

The White Ribbon campaign mission is to prevent violence against women and girls by addressing its root causes. Our aim is to change long established, and harmful, attitudes, systems and behaviours around masculinity that perpetuate gender inequality and men's violence against women. White Ribbon UK's work is preventative, we want to end violence before it starts.

All organisations, large or small are able to become White Ribbon UK Accredited. Violence against women, whether it occurs within the workplace, or outside of an organisation, is a serious, prevalent and preventable issue.

Men's violence - in all its forms - has an impact on the health and safety of employees, their well-being and their productivity. It impacts negatively on workplace culture, organisational

reputation and success. Outward facing organisations can also make a significant difference by the way in which they relate to their customers and stakeholders. Public sector bodies who are White Ribbon Accredited are able to demonstrate they are meeting the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010.

## **THE WHITE RIBBON ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME**

Gaining White Ribbon Accreditation helps your organisation to:

- make a difference in your communities to end violence against women
- improve your organisational culture, safety and morale
- increase the knowledge and skills of your staff to address violence against women
- improve the experience of your customers and stakeholders
- become an employer of choice

Parishes, schools and the voluntary sector bodies present were encouraged to sign up to support the campaign.

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Anne-Marie Smith [Anne-Marie.Smith@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Anne-Marie.Smith@milton-keynes.gov.uk) at MKCC is available to offer support to parishes wishing to sign up.

MK is aiming to become the first white ribbon city.

Question – There is a need for more safe spaces for domestic abuse victims within MK. MK Act <https://www.mkact.com/> does great work in this regard and <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/> will find temporary homes for dogs for people fleeing abuse.

## **Other Issues**

- Rachel Munday (Highways Communication Manager) [Rachel.Munday@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.Munday@milton-keynes.gov.uk)  
- There will be a highways open session for parishes to attend and make representations on any issues in their patch. This event will be held on 30 June at New Bradwell Community Centre between 10am and 2pm. Ringway will also be in attendance.
- Sarah Gonzales commented on the forthcoming ward boundary review due to run till 2025 with all out city council elections in 2026. The review can also include Parishes requesting to become 'warded' and Pater Taylor at MKCC can place forward requests for councils requiring additional parish councillors.

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