

Delivery Plan 2024 / 2026

A - Continued financial stability

1	Bring forward a robust and balanced budget without relying on reserves
2	Review our current shared services model
3	Implement innovative recruitment and training initiatives, especially in relation to hard to fill roles like lawyers, planners and social workers
4	Review our wholly owned development company MKDP to ensure it is delivering our council priorities
5	Undertake an LGA Corporate Peer Challenge
6	Refresh the Housing (HRA) Business Plan
7	Ensure appropriate support on preparing for new ward boundaries and all out elections in 2026

B - A strong and robust economy

8	Progress work on a Smart City tech, design, and innovation quarter in the city centre, creating hundreds of new well-paid jobs
9	Enter into a partnership agreement with the Open University and Milton Keynes Development Partnership to help deliver the OU's Campus 2030 project
10	Continue to use More for MK to increase the council use of local suppliers and increased social value from our contracts
11	Consider how best to support our local High Streets
12	Work with partners to best target our inward investment and business support offer

C - High quality placemaking

13	Work with partners to create a vision, improvement and investment plan for the future of CMK
14	Work with MKDP to improve Station Square September 2024
15	Start on site to deliver the Wolverton Agora scheme in early 2025
16	Involve local stakeholders and create a Bletchley 2050 guide for regeneration of the area

D - A centre of culture and creativity

17	Develop a new Creative and Strategy
18	Continue support for the MK International Festival
19	Continue to deliver the five-year Smart City Digital, Tech and Creative Industries Strategy to build on Milton Keynes' global reputation as a smart city and home of innovation
20	Work with MK Dons to deliver a training and academy facility for our city
21	Progress a business case for an events arena in the city centre
22	Introduce two new city centre events, one at the Summer Solstice and one during the winter.
23	Support Bedford Borough Council, if needed, to assist in promoting the regional economic benefits of the proposed Universal Studios development
24	Develop a pilot scheme to ensure all children born in our 60th year in 2027 can attend at least two cultural or arts events before they start school
25	Continue to build on the success of MK:Smart, in partnership with the Open University
26	Build on our emerging role as a centre of innovation and develop plans for an annual AI event in the city
27	Progress the new public art memorial to Alan Turing
28	Commission a new statue to honour Open University pioneer Jenni Lee in CMK
29	Work with partners to submit a bid to the Arts Council for the MK60 celebrations in 2027

E - Improved access to affordable housing

30	Deliver the first tranche of affordable homes at Tickford Fields by January 2026.
31	Build truly affordable homes for local young people and families
32	Ensure that the delivery of affordable housing is prioritised alongside critical infrastructure in all new planning applications
33	Deliver the maximum number and mix of council homes possible and make the case to government to fund even more.
34	Tackle bad landlords by ensuring private tenants can easily report safety issues in their properties and crack-down on unregulated HMOs
35	Develop a permanent facility for rough sleepers and crisis service to ensure support 365 days of the year
36	Push for all new greenfield sites allocated in MK City Plan to include 40% affordable homes

F - Delivery of regeneration and renewal

37	£2m additional new investment to improve the life chances and public realm on our most economically disadvantaged estates
38	Refresh the Regeneration and Estate Renewal Strategy by July 2024
39	Agree a strategy for the future provision of repair and maintenance services for council owned properties
40	Complete the major £85 million redevelopment of the former Serpentine Court on the Lakes Estate by April 2026.
41	Progress long-term regeneration plans for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford
42	Target the prevention and reduction of serious damp and mould in council homes.
43	Continue work with Woughton Community Council to develop plans for improving community assets, public spaces and continue to develop renewal plans for the area
44	Continue to develop improvement plans for Bradville and Fullers Slade
45	Ensure the delivery of a low cost supermarket, job opportunities and estate improvements on Galley Hill
46	Complete Phase A and continue to progress decommissioning of the REEMA prefabricated reinforced concrete residential blocks
47	Develop a targeted two-year programme to rejuvenate damaged or aged infrastructure and landscaping in residential areas surrounding the city centre

G - Well planned growth

48	Seek to adopt the new MK City Plan by May 2026 so it delivers the housing and infrastructure the city needs
49	Work with our partners to achieve a devolution deal for our city region
50	Continue to develop business case for an integrated Advanced Rapid Transport (ART) and Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) system
51	Develop plan to invest £90m in junction improvements by 2030.
52	Protect and enhance grid roads, redways and community green spaces
53	Launch a new online planning portal by October 2024

H - Excellent services for our children and young people

54	Develop plans to provide more SEND placements in a brand new facility by September 2024
55	Refresh our children and family centre offer
56	Invest £200k in 2024/25 to improve local play areas
57	Deliver an accessible play area in Coffee Hall
58	Improve the fostering service and increase the number of foster carers
59	Work to develop extra provision of youth support and activities with partners
60	Improve and extend our SEND short break service
61	Increase mental health support by working with the BLMK Integrated Care Board and CNWL to improve mental health services for children and young people
62	Continue to expand our help and support for care leavers
63	Develop a business case to invest in our central library and improve the range of services available from our library network

J - Mitigating the rise in child poverty and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis

64	Introduce breakfast clubs across schools in Milton Keynes, with pilot scheme starting in September 2024
65	Extend the Holiday Activity & Food scheme
66	Continue our mortgage interest rate scheme
67	Continue our partnership with the Foodbank, including supporting their relocation to a new hub
68	Insulate more homes to cut energy bills for low-income families
69	Maximise efforts to mitigate the financial impact of Temporary Accommodation placements on the council

K - A more equal, diverse and inclusive Milton Keynes that welcomes and supports everyone

70	Develop a business case and identify a site for a new, second domestic abuse refuge
71	Implement the 'Q:Framework' of training and resources and improve support for LGBTQ+ young people
72	Support local groups and events that encourage equality and diversity
73	Continue work to make Milton Keynes a Dementia Friendly City

L - Do the essentials well

74	Protect core services from cuts and innovate new ways to deliver local services
75	Protect weekly bin collections
76	Review our Customer Services to ensure the best possible experience for our local residents
77	Use new technology to improve our customer services and reduce the number of unnecessary repeat enquiries
78	Fix more potholes and use innovative technology and AI to improve our roads, redways and pavements
79	Begin an investment programme to renew and repair aging streetlights and traffic signals
80	Commission our new £35M a year council housing repairs and maintenance contract by summer 2025
81	Bring critical council property oversight, quality and management functions back in-house
82	Continue to improve derelict garage sites in West Bletchley
83	Investigate improvements to the Rowle Close garage site in Stantonbury

M - A cleaner and safer MK

84	Establish a Safety, Theft, Anti-social behaviour, and Retail Crime Taskforce and START to take back our streets
85	Campaign for more police, community support officers and visible community policing across Milton Keynes
86	Focus on tackling and preventing knife crime
87	Take a no-nonsense approach to aggressive street begging
88	Use all powers to move on unauthorised encampments as quickly as possible
89	Continue to drive down flytipping and littering
90	Keep working hard with partners to clamp down on car cruising events across the city
91	Develop a business case for a Crown Court and 'Legal Quarter' in the city centre
92	Continue of work to promote the White Ribbon campaign to end to violence against women and girls

N - Improve health and wellbeing

93	Work with partners to progress three new health hubs in Milton Keynes
94	Seek to improve access to GP services by working with the NHS to expand and improve existing facilities where needed
95	Continue to deliver the MK Health Deal
96	Open Linford Wood Support Centre in early 2025
97	Develop a new Sports and Activity Strategy
98	Look for innovative ways to ensure we maximise the potential of our leisure and sports assets
99	Implement the Healthy Weight Declaration
100	Tackle underage and illegal vaping and improve our services to help people quit smoking
101	Work with the BLMK ICB to improve access to NHS dentists in Milton Keynes

P - The world's leading sustainable city

102	Aim to be in the top 20 local councils for recycling
103	Recommission our Waste Recovery Park operator contract
104	Review and recommission our Household Waste Recycling Centres
105	Promote and champion re-use of household items through repair and upcycling
106	Create new areas of community forest, gardens and orchards

Q - Sustainable public transport and mobility

107	Investigate plans for a pilot EV Charge Park in one of our older towns
108	Encourage use of public transport by upgrading bus shelters and pathways'
109	Develop a business case to create a green public transport link along Midsummer Boulevard
110	Investigate how a bus franchising system could operate within Milton Keynes and our region
111	Work to ensure MK Connect supports an integrated public transport system
112	Work with schools and local communities to introduce School Street schemes to increase road safety, improve air quality and reduce traffic around schools
113	Progress the implementation of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) with the initial goal of achieving Level 2 Active Travel Council status

R - Mitigate the impact of climate change

114	Refresh the Sustainability Strategy
115	Continue to encourage as many organisations as possible in MK to become carbon neutral by 2030
116	Implement Investment into more flooding prevention schemes
117	Improve highways water management systems

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