

Delivery Plan 2023/24



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A Continued financial stability	
1	Bring forward a robust and balanced budget
2	Implement innovative recruitment and training initiatives, especially in relation to hard to fill roles like lawyers, planners and social workers
B A strong and robust economy	
3	Support our local high streets with £100,000 of funding for more local events and activities
4	Provide start-up grants to new high street small businesses and tech start-ups
5	Continue to use More for MK to increase the numbers of local Real Living Wage employers
6	Build on existing Economic Development schemes and introduce new ones as appropriate to support businesses throughout periods of economic uncertainty
C High quality placemaking	
7	Progress work on a Smart City tech, design and innovation quarter in the city centre
8	Develop the improvement proposals for Station Square by September 2023 and commence the roll out of works in early 2024
9	Bring forward a Development Brief for Bletchley town centre (development site) by March 2024
10	Finalise the detailed construction costs for the Agora site redevelopment in September 2023 with an anticipated on-site start target date of February 2024
D A centre of culture and creativity	
11	Support the International Festival by providing funding to allow for more free places to those on low incomes and people from diverse backgrounds

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12	Develop a 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
13	Progress the business case of a multi-use events arena in the city centre
14	Support our Arts and Cultural sector by working with partners to deliver more events in the city centre
E	Improved access to affordable housing
15	Build more genuinely affordable homes by using our wholly owned development company
16	Ensure that the delivery of affordable housing is prioritised alongside critical infrastructure in all new planning applications
17	Continue to deliver the maximum number of council homes we can and make the case to government to fund even more
18	Tackle bad landlords by ensuring private tenants can easily report safety issues in their properties and crack-down on unregulated HMOs
19	Continue to provide accommodation and support services for rough sleepers
F	Delivery of regeneration and renewal
20	Agree a strategy for the future provision of repair and maintenance services for council owned properties
21	Progress building work on Phase A of the Lakes Estate regeneration by March 2024
22	Establish a Community Advisory Group to work with the Towns Deal Board to develop plans for the future of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford by September 2023
23	Address damp and mould in council owned properties
24	Work with Woughton Community Council to develop plans for improving community assets, public spaces and continue to develop renewal plans for the area
25	Continue to develop renewal plans for Bradville and Fullers Slade, and improvement plans for Galley Hill
26	Address the aging REEMA prefabricated reinforced concrete residential blocks in Bletchley

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G Well planned growth	
27	Progress a New City Plan to 2050 to ensure our continued, well-planned growth is delivered with proper levels of infrastructure and affordable housing
28	Continue working with DLUHC to investigate new models to ensure the delivery of appropriate levels of funding and infrastructure for future growth
29	Continue the MKCC Planning Academy and train new recruits
30	Bring forward a business case for Mass Rapid Transport (MRT)
31	Work with partners to agree a new model of delivery for current SEMLEP functions and continue to seek a Level 2 Devolution Deal for the area
H Excellent services for our children and young people	
32	Deliver a programme of improvements for local play areas
33	Improve the fostering service and increase the number of foster carers
34	Extend youth services to Fullers Slade and continue work on the Lakes Estate so that community members can run social activities and clubs to boost wellbeing
35	Create new special educational needs provision, including plans for a new school, to ensure we continue to invest in high quality provision and SEND support
36	Continue to invest in knife crime reduction activities to divert youth offending, especially during the school holidays
37	Increase mental health support by working with the BLMK Integrated Care Board and CNWL to improve mental health services for children and young people
38	Continue to expand our help and support for care leavers
J Mitigating the rise in child poverty and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis	
39	Deliver holiday activities for children and young people

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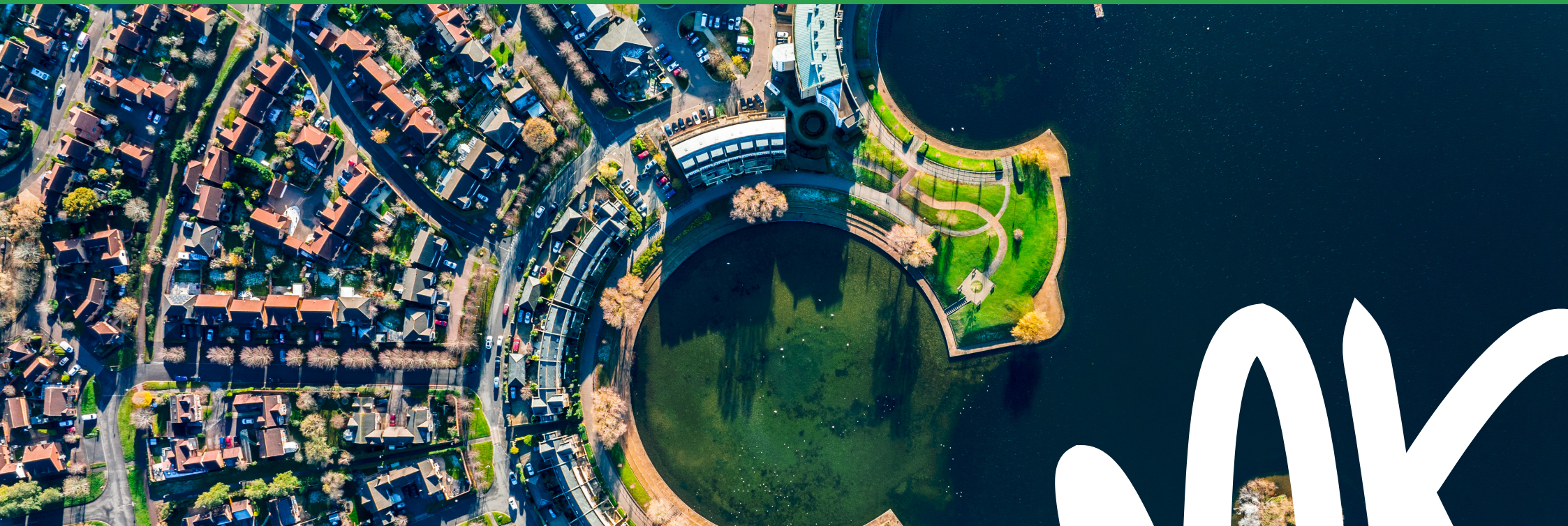
40	Continue to provide a range of help and support for residents impacted by the Cost-of-Living crisis using funding set aside in our budget and utilising any further government funding
41	Introduce the Mortgage Interest Relief Fund to help hard-working families with emergency financial support to prevent homelessness
42	Provide an extra £150,000 to parish councils so they can continue providing vital initiatives such as community cafes, social clubs and wellbeing support
43	Support MK Food Bank, continue to expand food larders and ensure funding for school holiday food programmes to reduce child hunger
44	Continue work to establish a Library of Things
K	A more equal, diverse and inclusive Milton Keynes that welcomes and supports everyone
45	Spend £50,000 boosting accessibility around MK by installing dropped kerbs in areas of high footfall and most need
46	Provide a small level of funding to our new Ethnic Minority, LGBTQ+ and Young People Champions to help them promote equality and diversity in the city
47	Continue to invest in mental health projects across the city, including youth counselling and support for LGBTQ+ young people
48	Support local groups and events that encourage equality and diversity
49	Continue our work to make Milton Keynes a Dementia Friendly City
L	Do the essentials well
50	Ensure a well-planned roll out of the new waste contract
51	Progress the roll out of wheelie bins with proper support for suitable alternative and supported collections for properties unable to use the standard service
52	Fix at least 25,000 more potholes and road defects and repair more redways and pavements

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53	Complete the conversion of unused garage sites in Bletchley and Stantonbury
54	Start work on the procurement of a new highways repair and maintenance contract
M A cleaner and safer MK	
55	Continue to tackle fly-tipping and littering by continuing our clamp down on illegal dumping, better use of CCTV and use of our litter wardens
56	Improve levels of street cleansing, more frequent litter bin emptying and more weeding with the roll-out of the new Environmental Services contract
57	Campaign for more police, community support officers and visible community policing across Milton Keynes
58	Work with Thames Valley Police to tackle city-centre anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and car cruising
59	Continue of work to promote the White Ribbon campaign to end to violence against women and girls
N Improve health and wellbeing	
60	Work with health partners to expand free and low-cost provision of social care such as reablement and home care to help people stay independent when they leave hospital and reduce hospital readmissions
61	Build a new integrated care hub to provide modern facilities for adult day services, short breaks and care support for those with profound disabilities and their families
62	Work with the health partners to deliver the MK Deal, including tackling obesity, improving children and young people's mental health and joined up neighbourhood working
63	Campaign for a new Health Hub in Bletchley as part of the regeneration of the town centre
64	Improve access to GP services by working with the NHS to expand existing surgeries in Olney, expand the existing surgery in Woburn Sands or build a new facility in SEMK, and build a new health hub in the new Milton Keynes East development
65	Work with the BLMK ICB to improve access to NHS dentists in Milton Keynes

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P The world's leading sustainable city	
66	Deliver the first phase of the council house insulation programme and assess possible future bids for more funding
67	Promote the uptake of green roofs to offset carbon and increase biodiversity
68	Plant hundreds of new urban trees selected specifically to suit urban areas to replace trees lost to disease or removed due to being unsuitable
69	Increase biodiversity within our green spaces by continuing measures such as less frequent grass cutting and increasing wildflowers where appropriate
Q Sustainable public transport and mobility	
70	Support struggling bus routes by giving private providers time to make services commercially viable
71	Recommission a DRT service that supports an integrated public transport system
72	Work with schools and local communities to introduce School Street schemes to increase road safety, improve air quality and reduce traffic around schools
73	Progress the implementation of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) with the initial goal of achieving Level 2 Active Travel Council status
74	Work with a pilot school to increase levels of young people cycling and walking to school in the transition from Year 6 to Year 7
R Mitigate the impact of climate change	
75	Make MKCC's electricity carbon neutral through the provision of a solar farm
76	Continue to encourage employers in MK to become carbon neutral by 2030
77	Invest over half a million pounds in tackling the impact of flooding
78	Use the new highways commissioning process to ensure better maintenance water management systems and work with partners to improve flooding infrastructure



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