

Wards Affected:

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ITEM 13**CABINET****5 JUNE 2018****MK FUTURES 2050 PROGRAMME UPDATE MK**

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Executive Summary:

This report updates Cabinet on the progress made with the projects that form the MK Futures 2050 Programme since the last programme update reported to Cabinet on 7 November 2017.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the progress to date in delivering the Six Big Projects forming the MK Futures 2050 Programme be noted.

2. Issues

2.1 The MK Futures 2050 Programme was established to manage the delivery of the vision and Six Big Projects recommended by the MK Futures 2050 Commission in their report 'Making a Great City Greater', which was unanimously supported by Council at its meeting on 20 July 2016.

2.2 In October 2016, Cabinet approved the initial plan for the MK Futures 2050 Programme and agreed that regular six-monthly progress updates should be provided. The last update was reported to Cabinet on 7 November 2017.

2.3 The Annex to this report provides an update on each of the individual MK Futures projects plus the overall programme governance arrangements and stakeholder engagement. Delivery of near-term project milestones is balanced with a focus on creating mechanisms to deliver the long-term ambitions of the MK Futures 2050 Programme.

2.4 Positive progress has been made across the programme, in particular Project Two, MK:U and the announcement of Cranfield University as our lead higher education partner.

2.5 A successful bid to the Planning Delivery Fund is supporting the preparation of a Strategic Growth Study for the "Metropolitan Milton Keynes" area, working closely with Aylesbury Vale District and South Northamptonshire Councils. This work is looking at options for potential growth to a population of 500,000

and will inform the development of a strategic spatial framework as an integral part of the Strategy for 2050 (Project One).

2.6 Project Three, Learning 2050, has made significant progress with a project manager in place working with local schools and other partners to increase the focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) in the curriculum and ways of learning. This work will include close working with businesses and MK:U to ensure students are better prepared for the future of work and to access the new university.

2.7 Community Action: MK (CA:MK) continue to support stakeholder engagement for the MK Futures programme, with their focus turning to engagement on the Strategy for 2050. A youth engagement project with Nesta (the national innovation foundation) and the MK Youth Cabinet is also underway, giving young people the opportunity to input their views into issues about the future growth of the city, and to enable them to engage more fully in future civic activity.

3. Options

3.1 This report is provided for information, as a regular update on the progress of the MK Futures 2050 Programme so no alternative options are considered.

4. Implications

4.1 Policy

The MK Futures 2050 Commission Report was unanimously supported by the Council in July 2016. Whilst that report is not a statement of formal Council policy, the Programme framework agreed by Cabinet on 11 October 2016 included the MK Futures 2050 Commission vision and six big projects. The Programme will create new Council policy through the Strategy for 2050 which can subsequently be reflected in statutory planning policy through future Local Plan reviews.

4.2 Resources and Risk

The initial October 2016 Cabinet report set out the resource and budget requirements to deliver the near-term outputs of the MK Futures 2050 Programme. For the financial year 2017/18, a total of £168k was spent. Additional funding has been secured through Section 106 to support the MK:U project and £493k of funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for a Strategic Growth Study. The allocation in the initial Cabinet report of £345k over two years remains adequate and spend is forecast to remain within budget.

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| N | Capital | N | Revenue | N | Accommodation |
| N | IT | N | Medium Term Plan | N | Asset Management |

4.3 Carbon and Energy Management

Some of the products delivered by the MK Futures 2050 Programme will include policies relating to sustainability and carbon and energy management, but the decision recommended by this report has no direct impact.

4.4 Legal

The projects within the MK Futures 2050 Programme are not governed by statutory regulations or guidance. Legal issues identified through the development of the projects are being dealt with on a case-by-case basis. As an example, legal and procurement advice was integrated as part of the process to secure a lead Higher Education partner for the MK:U project, with an OJEU-compliant open procurement procedure.

4.5 Other Implications

As set out in the Annex, stakeholder engagement across the Programme is being hosted by Community Action: MK ensuring it is independently led and thereby impartial. One of the Council's principles for engagement on the MK Futures 2050 Programme is that it should be wide-ranging and open to everyone – with special attention paid to encouraging new contributors that reflect diversity and youth, and local community groups including parish and town councils. Work with Nesta and the Youth Cabinet in particular will use innovative approaches to engage young people.

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| Y | Equalities/Diversity | N | Sustainability | N | Human Rights |
| N | E-Government | Y | Stakeholders | N | Crime and Disorder |

Background Papers: Milton Keynes Futures 2050 Commission Report "Making a Great City Greater", July 2016
www.mkfutures2050.com/read-our-report
[Cabinet Report](#) – MK Futures 2050 Progress Report, April – October 2017

Annex: MK Futures 2050 Progress Report, October 2017 – May 2018