

# Cabinet report

Report considered by Cabinet on 2 June 2020

## MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL PLAN

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| Name of Cabinet Member | <b>Councillor Pete Marland</b><br>Leader                                 |
| Report sponsor         | <b>Sarah Gonsalves</b><br>Director of Policy, Insight and Communications |

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| Exempt / confidential / not for publication | <b>No</b>                           |
| Council Plan reference                      | <b>All Council Plan commitments</b> |
| Wards affected                              | <b>All wards</b>                    |

### Executive summary

This report presents a draft refreshed Milton Keynes Council Plan 2016 – 2022. The Cabinet is invited to recommend the revised Plan to Council for approval. The Plan is based on the key priorities as set out in the new ‘Agreement to Work in Partnership’ document.

#### 1. Decision/s to be made

1.1 That the Council be recommended to approve the revised Council Plan 2016-2022.

#### 2. Why is the decision needed?

2.1 Milton Keynes is acknowledged as being the most successful new town in the UK, and successful cities typically have strong leadership that work together. The Covid-19 outbreak has also emphasised the need for strong, stable and strategic leadership of place being more essential than ever. The Labour Group and Liberal Democrat Group signed a new *Agreement to Work in Partnership* (The Agreement), on 1 May 2020, to continue to provide a stable political environment over the next year and provide strong leadership for Milton Keynes, to continue its success and address the challenges. This will be vital to the recovery and return to a new normality after the Covid-19 outbreak, and for the future of the city.

- 2.2 The revised Council Plan 2016 – 22 is based on the joint key priorities and deliverable policies recently agreed by the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups, as set out in the Agreement. These priorities are based upon the manifestos of the two parties, and have been updated in this version to provide a clear direction.
- 2.3 The Delivery Plan, which forms part of the revised Council Plan, sets out actions that cover this one-year period. Performance indicators, management information and timely updates will be used to report progress against the priorities to councillors and other stakeholders.
- 2.4 The Council is not required to have a Council Plan, but this would mean the organisation would lack an overall strategic framework to guide its activity. If adopted, the revised Council Plan will provide an overall strategic policy framework for the Council including vision, values and priorities for the organisation.

### 3. Implications of the decision

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|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Financial         | x | Human rights, equalities, diversity | x |
| Legal             | x | Policies or Council Plan            | x |
| Communication     | x | Procurement                         | x |
| Energy Efficiency | x | Workforce                           | x |

### 4. Alternatives

- 4.1 None

#### List of annexes

Annex – Milton Keynes Council Plan 2016-22 (To follow)

#### Background Papers:

Labour Manifesto 2020

Liberal Democrat Manifesto 2020

Agreement to Work in Partnership 2020