

# MK: Bletchley/Fenny Stratford Town Deal Board

Thursday 22 October 2020

3.30pm – 5.30pm

## Virtual Meeting



*(Note: Members of the public are not permitted to attend this meeting. However, agendas and minutes of the Board will be published and made available to the public)*

## Agenda

Verbal/paper  
update

1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies	Chair	5 mins	
2. Previous minutes and matters arising <i>Link to previous minutes <a href="#">here</a></i>	Chair	10 mins	
2.1 Equalities Impact Assessment	PH	10 mins	Paper
3. Register and Declarations of Interest	Chair	5 mins	
4. Draft Town Investment Plan for approval Hatch & Hyas to present latest version - to be circulated separately next week	TA	60 mins	Paper
5. Accelerated Projects Update	PH	15 mins	Verbal
6. Forward Plan	TA	10 mins	Verbal
7. Dates of next meetings Thursday 10 December 2020, 3.30pm-5.30pm Thursday 4 February 2021, 3.30pm-5.30pm			
8. AOB	Chair	5 mins	

**Distribution:****Towns Deal Board:**

Cllr Pete Marland (Leader, Milton Keynes Council), Delia Shephard (Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council), Helen Hupton (West Bletchley Parish Council), Angie Ravn-Aagaard (Consortium of Bletchley Resident Associations), Ian Revell (MK Community Foundation), Julie Mills (Milton Keynes College), Oliver Mytton (Deputy Director Public Health), John Cove (MK Dons), Charles Macdonald (MKDP), Hilary Chipping (SEMLEP), Denise Wetton (Network Rail), Catherine Butt (St Frideswide), Iain Stewart MP, Vann Canthaboo (Westfield Road Practice)

**Non-Board Member Attendees:**

Tracey Aldworth (Milton Keynes Council), Paul Hammond (Milton Keynes Council), Martyn Smith (Milton Keynes Council) Member of Democratic Services Team (Clerking the meeting), Adam Rolfe (Iain Stewart's office), Mike Todman (BEIS), Stephanie Beggs (MHCLG)

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**Use this form when preparing for a decision. By decision we mean considerations that are the responsibility of council, cabinet, one of its committees and panels or those that have been delegated to an officer or cabinet member. This template helps you complete the Equality & Diversity section of your report.**

Decision Title: <b>REGENERATION FOR MILTON KEYNES</b>	
Date: 02/10/2020	Author: Jeremy Beake

**A. Answer the following**

<p>a) Is this a “key decision” as defined by the Forward Plan (see <a href="#">here</a> for a wider definition), a major planning decision or one that affects a sizeable number of staff? (Significant)</p> <p>By sizeable we mean a decision that is a general change for all staff even if it effects only some, a decision that would affect over 50 people or a decision that is specifically about a protected characteristic</p>	<p>Yes Delete as appropriate</p>
<p>b) Does the decision affect people with one or more of the equality protected characteristics? (Relevant)</p> <p>Protected Characteristics are: Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion and Belief, Gender, and /or Sexual Orientation. Locally we have added Deprived / Socio Economic Disadvantage Groups</p>	<p>Yes  Delete as appropriate</p>

**⊗ If you answer No to either of these,**

Place a No in the equality box on the report and don't go any further, although you do need to write something in report to demonstrate you have considered equality. The following are sample responses:

“This decision is not significant and/or relevant (delete as necessary) in regard to equality issues.”

“This decision is a subsequent decision to the Inclusion Strategy and due regard was taken to any equality implications when this was agreed by the cabinet on the 13 April 2010.”

Email this to: [jeremy.beake@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:jeremy.beake@milton-keynes.gov.uk) copying in the relevant Assistant Director, this will be taken as being agreed by the Assistant Director

**⊗ If you answer Yes to both of these,**

Place a Yes in the equality box on the report and continue to complete the assessment on Page 2.

**B. The Assessment** Please refer to the explanatory notes on page 4

1. How will the decision be made and who will be involved?

Town Deal for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford

2. What is the aim of this decision and what changes will occur?

The Town Deal for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford seeks to best use current and future growth prospects, and the opportunities that will flow from East-West Rail.

However, it will also link into the Council's:

- Regeneration strategy
- Futures strategy
- Child Poverty priority

Therefore, it has the ability to advance equality of opportunity and build community cohesion in one of the least cohesive communities in the Borough.

3. Who is affected by this area of work and/or the changes?

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford

4(a) Thinking positively, which groups of people benefit (or could potentially benefit) from this decision? (Place an  and provide information & evidence)

Protected Characteristic (as defined in the Equality Act)	YES	NO	UNCLEAR	Information and evidence Hyperlinks, References and Notes
Age	x			While we do not assume that equality groups are directly affected, there is a link between deprivation and some characteristics.
Disability	x			
Race	x			
Gender or Gender Reassignment	x			
Sexual Orientation		x		
Religion/Belief		x		
Pregnancy and Maternity		x		
Deprived / Socio Economic Disadvantage Groups	x			

(b) Summarise how equality of opportunity is advanced, or/and how good community relations are fostered, by the decision?

The town deal is happening in existing communities, and so it is of fundamental importance those communities are fully engaged. Some of these communities have limited choice or opportunities

5(a) Being sensitive to the issues that some people may face, which groups of people will (or could potentially) experience adverse effects following this decision?

Protected Characteristic (as defined in the Equality Act)	YES	NO	UNCLEAR	Information and evidence Hyperlinks, References and Notes
Age		x		Designing changes so they include by design will be important.
Disability		x		
Race		x		
Gender or Gender Reassignment		x		
Sexual Orientation		x		
Religion/Belief		x		
Pregnancy and Maternity		x		
Deprived / Socio Economic Disadvantage Groups	x			

6(a) What types of engagement and/or consultation are relevant to the decision?

Protected Characteristic (as defined in the Equality Act)	YES	NO	UNCLEAR	Information and evidence Hyperlinks, References and Notes
Age		x		
Disability		x		
Race		x		
Gender or Gender Reassignment		x		
Sexual Orientation		x		
Religion/Belief		x		
Pregnancy and Maternity		x		
Deprived / Socio Economic Disadvantage Groups	x			This need to occur on a geographical basis.

(b) For planning purposes, list areas where more information is needed.

Nothing at this time.

7. How are people likely to be affected (positive and negative) by this decision? (Identify the range of options and the effects of each)

The largest concern is with the make-up of the board. This should be addressed either by partners looking at who in their diverse organisations represents them or by opening up places for two people who can give added a knowledge of:

- a) Disability and the need to design inclusion, and
- b) Bletchley's large Muslim community

8. Address the impact (Mark with an )

A No major change needed	
B. Continue with the decision despite having identified some potential for adverse impact or missed opportunities	x
C. Adjust or amend the decision	
D Stop the decision	

(b) Explain the rationale for what you marked above with details of any mitigating activity

Town bids are complex and are affected by a wide range of factors. Further assessments will be important as work goes forward. Note should be made regarding the need to foster good community relations.

9. Outline the next steps (add an action plan if necessary) and when and how will this policy or decision be reviewed (Include any mitigating work)

The board should design the programme to:

- a) Take into account the Council's priority to reduce child poverty by helping alleviate the consequences of material need, in particular focusing on the need for affordable childcare, rental accommodation and the expanded use of children centres
- b) Look at how the board's makeup reflects the community and consider co-opting representatives from the disability and local Bangladeshi/Muslim communities.

This matter will be kept under regular review by the Towns Board and if the TIP submission is successful the Board will conduct further equality assessments as part of the project development/preparation process.