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Wards Affected: All Wards

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL - MK DIGITAL STRATEGY 2018 - 2025

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Executive Summary:

The Council Plan 2016 – 2020 sets out the aim for Milton Keynes to be a city of ambition. In developing the MK Digital Strategy 2018-2025, the Council is expressing the commitment to making Milton Keynes a world leading, smart, digital city that promotes innovation, high quality jobs and provides seamless digital connections.

Milton Keynes has a strong history in the use of innovative technology, and by adopting this strategy, the Council is demonstrating to citizens, partners and businesses how we will contribute and enable this vision to be delivered.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the MK Digital Strategy 2018-2025 is adopted.
- 1.2 That a Delivery Plan is developed that defines the outcomes and actions required to deliver the strategy.

2. Issues

- 2.1 The MK Digital Strategy 2018-2025, as set out in the **Annex**, outlines three priorities: digital connectivity, digital services and digital economy.
- 2.2 These priorities articulate the Council's role in delivering digital outcomes, as well as working as a partner and enabler to create the best possible digital environment for residents and businesses.
- 2.3 The principles of being collaborative, innovative and inclusive establish how the Council will take forward the vision, acknowledging that we cannot do this alone and how we utilise our city leadership role to leverage capacity and investment into the city.
- 2.4 The Strategy builds on the strong history and association Milton Keynes has in the use of innovative technology, as well as the Council's various digital programmes to transform the way services are delivered, and the ongoing initiatives to improve connectivity.

2.5 The Strategy itself is an enabling framework; a Delivery Plan will be developed that articulates the varied and extensive work required to deliver the priorities within the strategy, and specific actions will be detailed to show how these objectives will be achieved.

3. Implications

3.1 Policy

This MK Digital Strategy 2018-2025 is an enabling strategy that will support the Council Plan aim for Milton Keynes to be a city of opportunity.

3.2 Resources and Risk

No significant financial impact.

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

3.3 Carbon and Energy Management

The Strategy will support initiatives that promote and enable carbon and energy management.

3.4 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

3.5 Other Implications

No significant implications. The MK Digital Strategy 2018–2025 Delivery Plan will be consulted upon widely and an EqIA will be developed.

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

Annex: MK Digital Strategy 2018 - 2025