

A BALANCED BUDGET	
OUR BUDGET COMMITMENTS – WE WILL:	
1	<p>Set a balanced budget, which reflects the reality of funding availability, increasing demand and Covid-19 recovery.</p> <p>Complete Rapid Service Reviews of every team by Oct 2020 Strategic Budget Options Choices which enables the future size and shape of the Council to be developed by Oct 2020</p>
2	<p>Implement the lead council model resulting from the end of LGSS.</p> <p>Revenue and Benefits to review the future arrangements with the two new Northampton Un and agree a revised partnership model by Dec 2020 Create the new Governance and Operating Model for Shared Services by Nov 2020</p>
3	<p>Maintain reserves at a sustainable and prudent level.</p> <p>Carry out a review of all reserves to ensure that these are sufficient based on the financial the Council is making effective use of reserves – Aug 2020 (SR) Tighten up the process for releasing funding from reserves by Aug 2020</p>
4	<p>Fight for fair funding for Councils through the Local Government Association.</p> <p>Continue to lobby through professional networks which is ongoing and throughout year Work with MHCLG on the financial impact of COVID-19 and fair funding, also ongoing throughout year</p>

COVID-19 RECOVERY	
OUR COMMITMENTS ON COVID-19 RECOVERY – WE WILL:	
5	<p>Review our structures and budget to ensure appropriate service approaches and controls on expenditure to deliver the priorities of the council.</p> <p>Reset the organisation structures to best fit the skills and competence of our teams to improve performance and remove duplication – first phase advised through Management Changes paper on 22nd June which is now complete.</p> <p>Reset the budget structures and responsibilities to fit to the organisation</p> <p>Processes in place to control and monitor non-essential spend</p>
6	<p>Develop flexible service plans to ensure each council service has a clear, safe and flexible operating model that can adapt quickly to a changing national environment.</p> <p>Reviewed by CLT monthly with changes about service delivery agreed through Chief Executive and Cabinet members, and will be ongoing throughout the year</p> <p>Services managed and re-opened to date include LD day services, libraries and registrars</p>
7	<p>Support social care and care homes to ensure our older and vulnerable people continue to receive a good level of service.</p> <p>Develop a road map for the future commissioning of services. – VC</p> <p>Develop a strategy and financial model which underpins the sustainability of the market based on the right level of need.</p> <p>Significant support provided to the care sector throughout pandemic</p>
8	<p>Develop a Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan to support our economy, understand the support needs of different sectors and prioritise a green recovery.</p> <p>Identify specific sectors where new opportunities will emerge and build a skills package</p> <p>Economic Recovery Plan outline taken to Delegated Decision 21st July 2020.</p> <p>Economic Recovery Plan to be developed with businesses and community groups for adoption at September 1 Cabinet</p> <p>Work already undertaken with businesses and parish and town councils on re-opening the High Streets</p>
9	<p>Work with local partners to develop a support package for small businesses.</p> <p>To be taken forward in Economic Recovery Plan to be developed with businesses and community groups for adoption at September 1 Cabinet</p>
10	<p>Work with SEMLEP and businesses to develop a practical skills programme to retrain and reskill unemployed and under-employed people.</p> <p>To be taken forward in Economic Recovery Plan to be developed with businesses and community groups for adoption at September 1 Cabinet</p>
11	<p>Review the NEP to ensure it is fit for purpose.</p> <p>Rapid Service Review starting early August with recommendations going to CLT in September, and overall review will be completed by March 2021</p>
12	<p>Ensure local businesses are prepared for any changes that result from the end of the transition period as Britain leaves the EU.</p> <p>Work with Semlep to provide advice and support and access to resilience toolkit</p>

	Link with LRF to get advice and support, esp around supply chains
13	<p>Review our Domestic Abuse services to ensure they are effective and introduce a Sanctuary Scheme so victims can remain safely in their own homes.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2020-25 due to be adopted with a vision that ‘Milton Keynes is a place where domestic abuse is not tolerated and where everyone can expect healthy and fulfilling relationships’</p> <p>Priorities to raise expectations, inclusive access, empower victims and perpetrator accountability, with an action plan being developed that includes development of a sanctuary scheme</p>

ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE	
OUR COMMITMENTS ON CLIMATE ACTION– WE WILL:	
14	<p>Produce a clear action roadmap to hit our target of a carbon neutral MK by 2030, implementing the Sustainability Strategy and Climate Change Task & Finish Report.</p> <p>Create an Energy and Carbon hub with the support of Local Partnerships and ENGIE. The hub will produce an energy and carbon prospectus by December 2020 Use the prospectus to create a prioritised pipeline and roadmap to carbon neutrality with 250k allocated to this work, by March 2021</p>
15	<p>Establish a clean energy-hub to produce cheap, clean and green energy.</p> <p>Working with Local Partnerships to set out the structure and resource requirements for the hub by September 2020 Develop links to key local partners by November 2020 Convert the early opportunities highlighted in the prospectus and roadmap by March 2021</p>
16	<p>Work with the Woodland Trust to create 50 acres of new woodland, wetland and wildflower corridors.</p> <p>Deliver biodiversity opportunity mapping for the borough by December 2020 Identify suitable areas to create 50 acres of woodland either in one area or dispersed across the city by March 2021 Create wildflower corridors by March 2021</p>
17	<p>Establish a Citizens Action Panel to ensure full public participation in climate action and scrutiny of our climate work.</p> <p>Identify a partner(s) to support the development of the panel by August 2020 Implement the panel by October 2020</p>
18	<p>Work with town and parish councils to enable 200 green roof installations on existing bus shelters.</p> <p>Undertake a phased shelter condition survey to identify appropriate sites for either sputum roofs or solar panels by October 2020 Identify Parishes and Town Councils willing to work on the programme and establish engagement criteria by October 2020 Establish and deliver programme of green roof installations March 2021 using 50k allocated and match funding</p>
19	<p>Support the delivery of a fully electrified East-West Rail, and continue to promote better connectivity and infrastructure across the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Arc.</p> <p>Continue to be an active member of East West Rail consortium Capital funding has been committed to invest in supporting scheme delivery, with electrification of the scheme being considered by the East West Rail company on instruction from DfT Continue to lobby for further sustainable improvements to East West connections, both directly and through the regional transport body England’s Economic Heartland</p>

20	<p>Improve public transport, by improving access and provision to services, and continuing to investigate creating a council-owned municipal public transport company.</p> <p>Continue to lobby for powers through the LGA Commence work to explore greater use of existing tools within the Bus Services Act 2017, including Advanced and Enhanced Partnerships by December 2020 Plan and deliver the bus network review in 2021, to improve integration of commercial and subsidised services within existing framework with greater focus on core routes, including integration of extensive demand responsive transport in more peripheral locations; procurement framework established to enable this by December 2020</p>
21	<p>Start an ongoing and planned resurfacing programme for redways, and investigate more provision of safe cycling and walking space.</p> <p>Produce a project pipeline based on condition and supporting our more deprived areas to better access places or work and essential services by August 2020 Explore and deliver projects identified through post-Covid-19 recovery programmes by March 2021 Bid submitted to MHCLG for the use of the initial £1m of the Bletchley Towns Fund allocation, including new additions to the Redway network (DD on 11 August)</p>
22	<p>Provide additional safe bike storage spaces across the city.</p> <p>Explore and develop bids for funding opportunities as part of Covid-19 recovery by August 2020 Cycle parking investment at city business premises in capital programme for 2020/21, along with proposed enhancements in Station Square by March 2021 Develop additional cycling provision proposals as part of the Brighter Future for Bletchley project by March 2021</p>
23	<p>Continue to support the development for a Mass Rapid Transport system.</p> <p>Through the development of enhanced relationships with Arriva and ViaVan, develop early collaborative MRT proposals by October 2020 City-wide traffic model to be updated, as a first step in business case development by December 2020 Explore funding opportunities to support early proposals in addition to those identified through existing Local Plan proposals by March 2021</p>
24	<p>Campaign for an MK Transport Authority with powers to co-ordinate, regulate and franchise public transport in the city.</p> <p>Continue to lobby through the LGA Commence work to explore greater use of existing tools within the Bus Services Act 2017, including Advanced and Enhanced Partnerships by March 2021</p>

A CLEANER MILTON KEYNES	
OUR COMMITMENTS TO MAKE MK A CLEANER PLACE – WE WILL:	
25	<p>Cut fly-tipping by 60% across the city, naming and shaming those responsible.</p> <p>Fly-tipping to be heat mapped and additional CCTV through 50k investment deployed by September 2020 Offenders will be made known through council communications by October 2020 A new Senior Enforcement officer will sit within the Environmental Crime Team and undertake investigations and prosecutions specifically on HRA land from September 2020</p>
26	<p>Reduce the rat population in the city centre and surrounding estates.</p> <p>Develop and implement proposals with Luton Borough Council to survey and put in place plans for key estates in and around CMK using additional investment, by September 2020 Develop a business case for sustainable future proposals, including a potential service models with LBC by March 2021</p>
27	<p>Cut litter by installing new bins on high streets, in local centres and in litter hotspots.</p> <p>New bins installed across Bletchley, New Bradwell, Stoney Stratford and Wolverton High Streets and litter hot spots, replacing bins that are not fit for purpose by October 2020 Smart Bins installed in CMK, with proposals to expand to Station Square. All new High Street bins will have recycling compartments to enable ‘recycling on the go’ by March 2021</p>
28	<p>Crackdown on dog owners who don’t clean up after their pets.</p> <p>Work with the Safer MK Community Safety Partnership to enable the function for Parishes to apply for Public Space Protection Order for control of dogs by October 2020 Environmental Crime Unit to undertake training with Parish environment officers / wardens / Parks Trust by October 2020 With partners implement dedicated ‘crack down days’ in areas that are worse affected by December 2020</p>
29	<p>Review the outcome of the wheelie-bin collection trial, protecting weekly residual waste collections, increasing recycling and reducing waste being sent to landfill.</p> <p>The waste collection trial scope has been reviewed post-Covid-19 and the details of a revised scope will be confirmed with a view to start the trial in October The outcome of the trial will be reviewed against a series of key outputs including recycling volumes, participation and quality by February 2021 These outcomes will sit at the core of the Commissioning 2023 waste strategy</p>
30	<p>Deliver better waste and landscaping services and investigate a mutually owned enterprise to deliver future services.</p> <p>The commissioning and procurement programme for 2023 will set authority preferences A mutually owned enterprise will be appraised as part of the commissioning cycle together with other delivery vehicles, and this process is ongoing throughout the year.</p>

<p>31</p>	<p>Continue to eliminate the use of single use plastics at Milton Keynes Council and in the wider city.</p> <p>Ensure no unnecessary use of single plastics takes place and incorporating into MKC policies and procedures Champion this initiative through the energy and carbon hub and with partners</p>
<p>32</p>	<p>Continue to ensure high levels of pothole repairs and road maintenance.</p> <p>Deliver the additional Covid-19 asset enhancement funding in year and to budget by March 2021 Continue with the pothole repair methodology Develop proposals and implement a new asset management system</p>

STRONGER COMMUNITIES	
OUR COMMITMENTS ON STRONGER COMMUNITIES – WE WILL:	
33	<p>Take back control from developers, progressing a shared vision for the future of the City with MK Futures 2050 and securing proper funding for growth through a Housing Deal.</p> <p>Adopt Strategy for 2050 by February 2021 Continue to lobby government for housing deal or similar</p>
34	<p>Progress Plan:MK2 to plan the growth for MK properly, and include appropriate zero carbon housing mix policies that address the needs of Milton Keynes.</p> <p>Plan:MK2 Local Development Scheme agreed and decision to be taken to include dates in September – this is subject to any changes arising from government White Paper – Planning for the Future Initiate Housing Strategy for plan to include zero carbon homes</p>
35	<p>Ban poor quality office conversions in CMK.</p> <p>Delegated decision agreed for Article 4 direction within the Central Business District of Central Milton Keynes to withdraw permitted development rights for the conversion of an office to residential use. Implement Article 4 direction to take effect in 2021</p>
36	<p>Campaign to ensure proper access for all to GP, dental and mental health services, including ensuring proper community health infrastructure and hospital facilities.</p> <p>Flexible arrangements in place to provide community hubs and deliver services more innovatively Continue to support the hospital with development plans Ensure Infrastructure funding during COVID recovery</p>
37	<p>Increase CCTV to crackdown on anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>New CCTV system to be installed in city centre by December 2020 Increase mobile CCTV use over the borough to prevent and provide evidence of ASB with £50k investment. This is in partnership with TVP.</p>
38	<p>Reduce knife crime with an early years prevention scheme.</p> <p>£30k programme to be delivered by Hazard Alley to primary schools Knife crime prevention group taking to recommendations to Safer MK in September 2020 for 100k to be spent on prevention programmes</p>
39	<p>Tackle drug gangs and stop exploitation by supporting the Youth Offending Team to reduce re-offending and taking action on aggressive street begging.</p> <p>Exploitation strategy under development, to be finalised Sep 2020, will be implemented through MK Together arrangements with partners. Improved partnership working with Safer Together Enforcement powers being considered to tackle aggressive begging through Safer MK</p>
40	<p>Support the regeneration of the Agora Centre, Wolverton.</p> <p>Submission of planning application in 2020 MKC will encourage wide stakeholder engagement</p>
41	<p>Bring forward plans to improve Station Square.</p>

	Produce a framework for Station Square which considers longer term use Create a programme for improvement, which includes the ongoing public art revitalisation project
42	Bring forward plans to improve CMK market. Work with MKDP to progress plans for CMK market, including improvements to the public realm

TACKLING INEQUALITY AND POVERTY	
OUR COMMITMENTS TO MAKING MK A FAIRER PLACE – WE WILL:	
43	<p>Cut child poverty by 20% by 2025, turning the report of the Child Poverty Commission into positive action.</p> <p>Outline Action Plan went to Cabinet in March 2020 and agreed Child Poverty Commission to report to go to Cabinet in December 2020</p>
44	<p>Ensure no child goes hungry, ensuring proper support for free school meals, holiday food provision and organisations such as the Food Bank.</p> <p>Continue partnership work with Food Bank to March 2021 30k provided for sandwich initiative for families over summer holiday being delivered through children’s centres</p>
45	<p>Provide real practical support to tackle inequality and poverty directly and through our relationships with community groups.</p> <p>Foodbank Xtra set up during COVID19 crisis Further initiatives being considered as part of Covid Management Action Plan</p>
46	<p>Ensure every school rated ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’ by 2024, pushing poorly performing schools to do better.</p> <p>Through the Education Partnership increase core improvement partners to focus on poor performers</p>
47	<p>Create a local council-led co-operative trust to take over poorly performing schools.</p> <p>Consider how this can be progressed with DfE and Schools Commissioner</p>
48	<p>Continue to ensure good levels of school places as the city grows, with appropriate levels of Special Educational Needs provision.</p> <p>School placement sufficiency being carried out online, including scoping and profiling of Special Educational Needs provision</p>
49	<p>Provide more funding to the Youth Information Service (YIS) as agreed in the 2020/21 budget.</p> <p>50k additional funding for YIS in 20/21 Agreeing Service Level Agreement to focus on key areas</p>
50	<p>Prioritise support for looked after children and care leavers, and continue our work to increase the number of MK foster carers and adoptive parents.</p> <p>Through new agreed approach with Corporate Parenting Panel, agree nominations to promote looked after children. Agree contribution to carer recruitment strategy and promote their responsibilities</p>
51	<p>Support becoming a Dementia Friendly city, to improve the lives of those most in need of help.</p> <p>The multi-agency Dementia Pathway Improvement Group will deliver the project, plan being developed Will focus on MKC initially and then partner organisations</p>

52	Become an accredited REAL Living Wage city. Engage with employers across the city to encourage them to become a Real living wage employer
53	Seek funding from Government for the development of MK:U. Working with Cranfield University to submit a proposal to government, 2.2m bid funding secured from SEMLEP for Educational Acceleration in Digital Skills

AFFORDABLE	
OUR COMMITMENTS TO MAKE MK AFFORDABLE FOR ALL – WE WILL:	
54	<p>Create a council-owned housing development company to build genuinely affordable housing.</p> <p>Working with MKDP to scope and commence work of the housing development company. Council owned housing company MKDP Board to prepare detailed business case proposals for consideration by end of 2020</p>
55	<p>Build an Eco-village of council and genuinely affordable homes for local families, using land at Tickford Farm to build a high standard housing development.</p> <p>Planning Permission to be granted in 2020 Design of properties to meet the Sustainability Action Plan Scoping exercise to be undertaken to determine viability Complete outline planning for this c940 home site by Autumn 2020 Develop scope and proposals to deliver a high performing energy use site with models of affordability based on local need by November 2020 Procure a partner to deliver the site by January 2021</p>
56	<p>Introduce a private landlord scheme to promote and reward best practice in the private sector and get tough with the worst.</p> <p>Establish how scheme can be delivered within current legislative framework Complete research and consultation</p>
57	<p>Develop an improved long-term plan to tackle rough-sleeping, building on Housing First and investigating a daytime and rehabilitation facility to help those with challenging issues.</p> <p>Work ongoing to develop a facility, building on and following successful work with rough sleepers during lockdown period Enforcement and tolerance – consider approach against ‘persistent offenders’</p>
58	<p>Campaign to end Section 21 evictions.</p> <p>Continue to lobby government for an end to Section 21 evictions Consider campaigning with wider organisations</p>
59	<p>Progress regeneration on the Lakes Estate and Fullers Slade, and begin conversations with other areas on community-led estate renewal projects.</p> <p>Lakes Estate planning applications to be determined by Autumn 2020 Fuller Slade – design team being procured. Cabinet approval of planning application by end of 2020</p>
60	<p>Provide reduced cost bus travel for our Armed Service Veterans.</p> <p>Develop a scheme under the auspices of the Armed Forces Covenant, working with veteran groups New Swift Smart Ticketing scheme will enable travel discounts to be introduced for different categories of passenger, subject to funding</p>

A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR BLETCHLEY	
OUR COMMITMENTS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR BLETCHLEY – WE WILL:	
61	<p>Support a bid for £25m in Town Improvement funding.</p> <p>Steering group set up and bid submitted Engagement work ongoing Investment plan to be prepared by Summer 2020</p>
62	<p>Develop a regeneration plan for Bletchley Town Centre and Fenny Stratford high street.</p> <p>A prospectus was developed and adopted in 2019 SPD in development with stakeholders with consultation due in 2020 Towns deal Board established and Towns Investment Plan (TIP) to be prepared and submitted by October 2020</p>
63	<p>Create 300 new parking spaces across the town.</p> <p>Parking study to be carried out to inform SPD to identify appropriate parking areas</p>
64	<p>Deliver 100 affordable bungalows and accessible houses for older and disabled people.</p> <p>Plans currently in development, further details in next update</p>
65	<p>Improve Bletchley station & bus station, and fight to improve local public transport services from Fenny Stratford train station.</p> <p>Marking the entrance to station Continue to lobby government to improve services</p>
66	<p>Oppose the extension of Bletchley landfill site’s operational lifetime.</p> <p>Bletchley landfill site application to extend lifetime being determined. Evidence being collated regarding impact</p>