

## ***Extract from the current Council Plan – June 2022***

### **Outcomes we want to see by 2026: Improved Access to Affordable Housing**

#### **Decent, Affordable Homes in a High-quality Environment**

Milton Keynes was established as an ambitious project to meet the urgent housing crisis of the time. That foundation and continuing vision is under threat from increasing unaffordability, national planning regulations and underinvestment. We will seek to increase the supply of **genuinely affordable** housing, improve the mix of housing available to rent and buy, alongside improving and investing in our existing communities and housing through renewal and regeneration.

#### **1. Improved Access to Affordable Housing:**

- An agreed new local plan;
- A successful planning academy supplying and retaining high-quality planning professionals;
- Appropriate infrastructure to meet the increased demand through growth and holding developers to account for timely delivery;
- Protected and enhanced grid roads and community green spaces;
- Timely and appropriate enforcement activity;
- Improved communication on the benefits of growth and the role and limitations of the local planning authority;
- Ensure a supply of new homes to meet demand;
- Increase the supply of genuinely affordable housing;
- Build more council and social housing;
- Use of the Local Housing Company to directly deliver more genuinely affordable homes;
- Seek to prevent and provide appropriate levels of support for homelessness and eliminate rough sleeping.

#### **2. Delivery of Regeneration and Renewal:**

- Complete Phase A of the Lakes Estate regeneration;
- Mid-delivery of Fullers Slade renewal;
- Developed plans and started delivery of renewal in Bradville and Woughton;
- Continue investment in planned maintenance to bring more homes to higher standards;
- Developed and delivering plans for Mellish Court and The Gables.

### **3. Well Planned Growth:**

- An agreed new local plan;
- A successful planning academy supplying and retaining high quality planning professionals;
- Appropriate infrastructure to meet the increased demand through growth and holder developers to account for timely delivery;
- Protected and enhanced grid roads and community green spaces;
- Timely and appropriate enforcement activity;
- Improved communication on the benefits of growth and the role and limitations of the local planning authority.

## **How Will This be Delivered?**

### **1. Improved Access to Affordable Housing:**

- Agree a contractor to deliver the Tickford Eco-village;
- Investigate ways for the local housing company to directly deliver more social housing;
- Complete building more council homes;
- Ensure continued support and accommodation provision for rough sleepers.

### **2. Delivery of Regeneration and Renewal:**

- Appoint a contractor to undertake the Lake Estate regeneration work.
- Agree final plans for renewal on Fullers Slade and submit a planning application by March 2023.
- Progress the work of the Bradville Renewal Forum towards an agreed renewal programme.
- Establish a Renewal Forum for the Woughton renewal area.
- Prepare to re-provision the repairs and maintenance contract.
- Continue to invest over £100m in improving the standard of our housing stock.
- Demolish Mellish Court and The Gables.

### **3. Well Planned Growth:**

- Move forward with an updated Local Plan;
- Work with the RTPI to successfully deliver the new MK Planning Academy;
- Develop and submit a devolution bid with our partner authorities to government;
- Introduce a Local Heritage Register.