

Wards Affected:

All Wards

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL - COUNCIL PLAN 2016/2020

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Executive Summary:

Full Council approved the Milton Keynes Council Plan Delivery Plan at the meeting of 13 July 2016. The Delivery Plan is integral to the Council Plan 2016-2020 and sets out the detailed activities and milestones that will deliver the aspirations of the Council Plan from now until 2020.

This report is the fourth quarterly update on progress against the commitments within the Delivery Plan.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the progress on the implementation of the Council Plan Delivery Plan be noted.

2. Issues

2.1 The Council Plan 2016–20 reflects the joint key priorities and policies agreed by the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups, as set out in the Agreement to Work in Partnership (ref Background Papers). These priorities are based on the manifestos of the two parties. The Council Plan also recognises the principles and values of a co-operative council and how these connect to the Council's values, colleague competencies and appraisal mechanism.

2.2 The Delivery Plan sets out the detailed activities and milestones that will deliver the themes of the Council Plan from its inception until 2020.

2.3 The Delivery Plan contains three overall headline aims for Milton Keynes: to be a place of opportunity, an affordable place and a healthy place. To support these over-arching objectives, there are sixteen priority themes, each with a number of specific actions as outlined within it.

2.4 This report provides a brief update on progress of these actions, with a narrative and self-reported RAG rating on each to date – the detailed update is at the attached **Annex**.

2.5 Positive progress has already been made in a number of areas, including:

- (a) Twenty three actions are now marked as complete, although for some, there are ongoing actions, so a narrative is provided.
- (b) Within the context of an extended period of austerity, significant funding reductions and increasing demand from population growth over several years, the Council has continued to identify savings and approve a balanced budget. .
- (c) Children's Services continue to deliver innovative models of service delivery, examples of which are set out in section four of the **Annex**; this includes near completion of the Ofsted action plan. All actions in this section are green.
- (d) Significant progress has been made in terms of preventing homelessness and providing support. A multi-agency Homelessness Partnership has been set up to oversee a system-wide response, a one-stop shop service will be provided in central Milton Keynes from Autumn 2017 until March 2020, and bed and breakfast provision for households in temporary accommodation has reduced to almost zero.
- (e) There are a number of initiatives with health partners that are being taken forward positively. Good progress has been made in in delivering the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Transformation Plan and MKC is now taking a leadership role within the Bedfordshire, Luton & MK (BLMK) STP process.
- (f) Services supporting carers and HIV prevention and support continue to be protected and developed.
- (g) 92% schools are judged good or better, this is the highest ever for MK and one of highest in the South East Region.
- (h) The MK50 Summer programme delivery is underway following a strong start to the year, with many events planned for the remainder of the birthday year. Building on this is the compelling bid being submitted for MK to be the European Capital of Culture 2023.
- (i) MKC is playing a key role in shaping regional working with partners, as well as the response to the National Infrastructure Commission report on the Oxford – MK – Cambridge corridor.
- (j) Work is being undertaken to develop a positive, sustainable working partnership with parish and town councils.
- (k) Milton Keynes continues to be a national and international exemplar as a Smart City; funding has been secured to ensure the MK:Smart programme continues and the pilot for autonomous vehicles is underway.

The majority of actions have a RAG rating of green, indicating that they are on track for scope, timeliness, cost and risk. There has been an increase in the number of actions at amber; this is primarily due to timescales slipping.

It is recognised that there needs to be further progress and/or there have been delays, with regards to:

- (a) Having a clear commercial proposal for a joint venture (partnership) - a report is being taken to Cabinet this year.
- (b) The Milton Keynes Development Partnership review was delayed – an action plan has now been agreed.
- (c) The agreement of the waste strategy was delayed.
- (d) There has been delays in fully implementing the Business Engagement Plan due to capacity issues.

The Agora re-development in Wolverton action remains red.

2.6 This report also provides an opportunity to showcase innovative initiatives that are taking place as part of operational service delivery. A detailed narrative has been included.

3. Implications

3.1 Policy

The Council Plan - incorporating the Delivery Plan - provides an overall strategic policy framework for MKC and includes: vision, values and priorities for the organisation.

3.2 Resources and Risk

The Council Plan is set within the context of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the annual budget. This is underpinned by a clear governance framework within which resources are allocated, managed and reported.

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

3.3 Carbon and Energy Management

Several of the priorities focus on continuing to innovate and review the Council's waste strategy.

3.4 Legal

Article 4 of the Constitution provides for full Council to approve areas set out in the policy framework, including the Council Plan (previously known as the Corporate Plan).

3.5 Other Implications

The Council Plan inherently recognises all the policies below and uses them in its implementation.

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

An Equality Impact Assessment was conducted on the priorities of the Council Plan, a full assessment can be found at: <http://j.mp/mkceqia16-24>.

Annex: Council Plan Delivery Plan Update

Background Papers:

Milton Keynes Council Plan 2016 –20 incorporating the Delivery Plan

[Link to Council Plan](#)

Agreement to Work in Partnership between Administration and Liberal Democrat Group

[Link to Agreement to Work in Partnership](#)