

## Press release: The Sustainability Conference report

In early March 2020 the Milton Keynes Sustainability Conference took place at the Sky Room, Milton Keynes Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3QA.



The Conference was arranged to deliver an overview of actions taking place in Milton Keynes Council to meet carbon reduction targets and deliver the key message that we all need to work together to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

The Conference was supported by the Interreg POTEnT project. More about this on the [POTEnT project Challenge](#).



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The agenda featured a mix of local experts, project delivery partners and MKC Heads of Service.



## MK Gallery – The Sky Room

### Agenda

09.30	Coffee	
10.00	Councillor P Marland Milton Keynes Council	Welcome & Opening
10.30	Geoff Snelson Milton Keynes Council	Strategy for 2050
11.00	Jo de Montgros Destination0	What can I do?
11.30	Phil Bowsher Parks Trust	Land Management & Biodiversity
12.00	Q and A	
12.30	Lunch and networking	
13.30	Mark Dolling/Andrew Spencer Engie	Approach to Sustainability
14.00	Steve Hayes Milton Keynes Council	Transport
14.30	Rachel Toresen-Owuor Local Partnerships	Our work supporting MKC to net zero
15.00	Councillor J Marklew Milton Keynes Council	Introduction of MKC Action plan
15.30	Q and A	
16.00	Close	

Invitations were sent to all the people who have shown an interest in sustainable living in Milton Keynes through our projects and workshops, all the MK Councillors, environmental groups and charities.



By the week of the Conference we had registered 94 people to attend the Conference. Government guidelines at that time did not forbid social gatherings so the Conference went ahead as planned.



Leader of Milton Keynes Council Peter Marland opened the conference and delivered an overview of how the Council will work in partnerships to meet the ambitious targets for reducing carbon emissions.



Geoff Snelson provided an overview of Milton Keynes history of innovative sustainable living initiatives. This provided context for the new Strategy for 2050. For more information see Geoff's presentation in the Documents section below and visit the website for up to date news <https://www.mkfutures2050.com/>

The Conference went well with lively question and answer sessions after every speaker.