

# Towns Fund

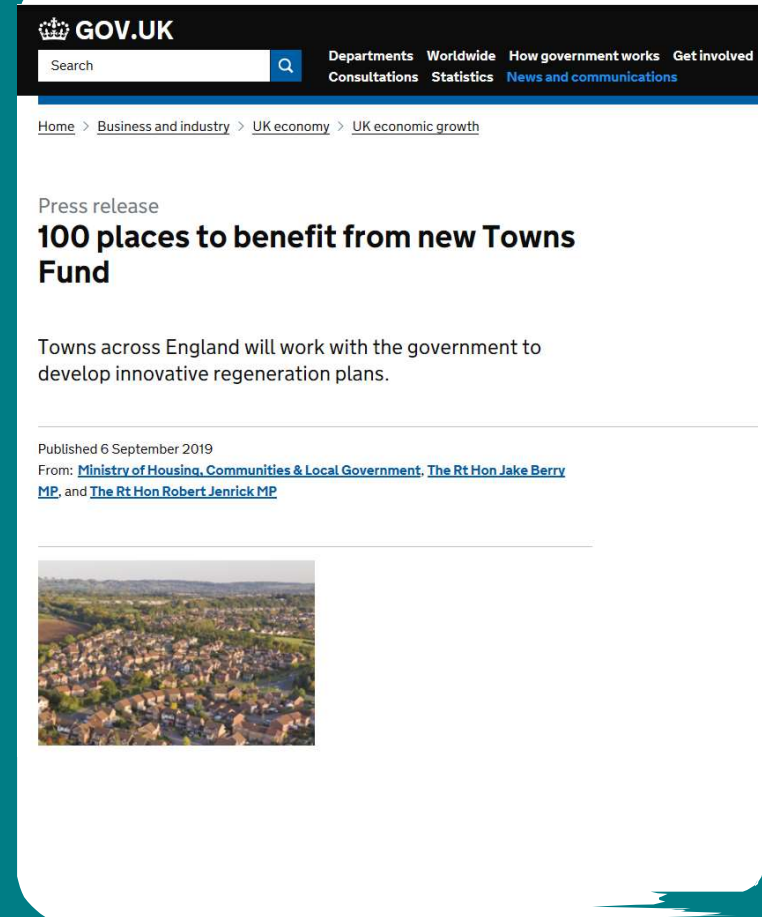
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# Towns Fund

- £3.6bn fund to support towns to build prosperous futures – up to £25m per town
- 100 places identified and MK on the list to work with government to develop “innovative regeneration plans”
- Town deals are part of the commitment to “levelling up” regions



The screenshot shows a GOV.UK page with a dark header containing the logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Departments, Worldwide, How government works, Get involved, Consultations, Statistics, and News and communications. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Business and industry > UK economy > UK economic growth. The main content is a press release titled "100 places to benefit from new Towns Fund". The text states: "Towns across England will work with the government to develop innovative regeneration plans." Below this, it says "Published 6 September 2019" and "From: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, The Rt Hon Jake Berry MP, and The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP". At the bottom of the visible section is a photograph of a town with a river and green spaces.

# Basic Ingredients for Success

**Liveability** -  
safe streets,  
affordable  
homes , good  
jobs, great  
public  
services  
supporting  
families & the  
vulnerable

**Connections** -  
broadband  
everywhere,  
transport,  
inspiration and  
innovation

**Culture** –  
strengthen their  
cultural and  
creative  
infrastructure  
(the gathering  
places that give  
a community its  
life)

**Power** –  
places need  
power and a  
sense of  
responsibility  
and  
accountability

MK

milton keynes council

# The details...

- Communities, business and local leaders to draw up ambitious plans to transform economic growth prospects
- Focus on improved transport, broadband connectivity , skills and culture with up to £25m expected for each area
- A prospectus and eligibility criteria published (1 Nov) and sets out process and next stages
- [100 Towns List](#)      [Prospectus](#)

## The details...

- **Towns Deal Board to be established – to act as an advisory board to the Council**
- **Evidence based Towns Investment Plan to be prepared and agreed by the Towns Deal Board - need to identify local priorities for investment**
- **One off capacity Funding Provided to support the process £173k allocated for MK**

# A lot already happening.....

Bletchley  
Park

Institute of  
Technology

East West  
rail and  
eastern  
entrance

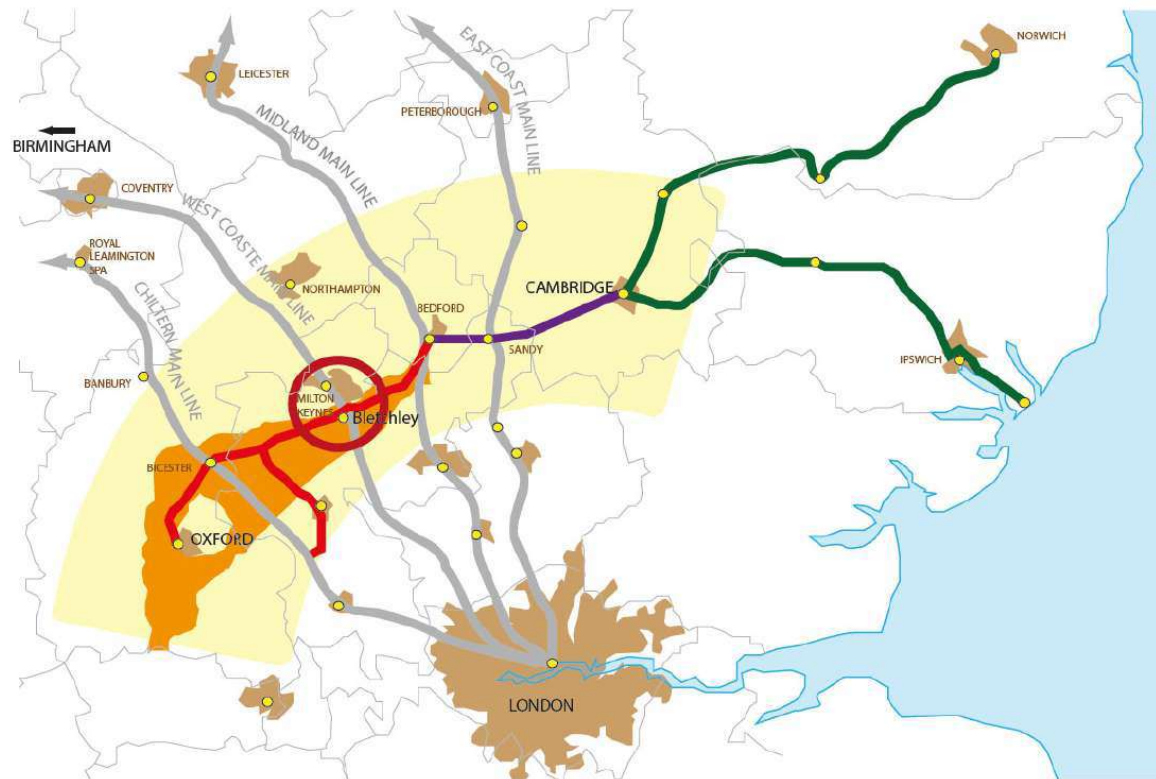
Lakes estate  
regeneration  
investment

Neighbourhood  
Plans

Blue light  
hub and  
legacy sites

Central  
Bletchley  
Prospectus

# Opportunity ... at the Heart of the Arc



# Prospectus Area: Opportunity Sites





## Next steps ...

- **MKC to progress Urban Design Framework SPD for Prospectus Area:**
  - **Extensive consultation**
  - **Guidance and principles for future development proposals**
  - **Co-ordinate with B&FSTC Neighbourhood Planning process**
  - **Contributes to Town Deal Investment/Business Plan**

**What needs to be  
done and how we  
might do it**



# A wide ranging opportunity...

- To create a **positive and sustainable future**
- Through a **new partnership** approach
- To evolve, agree and deliver a programme that can:
  - **Improve the place** as a whole
  - Establish a **vibrant town centre**
  - Develop **local skills and support business**
  - Deliver **healthier lifestyles & enhanced well being**
  - Improve **connectivity** - both transport and digital



**A bright  
future for the  
people of  
Bletchley**

Place



Economy



Bletchley  
Town  
Deal

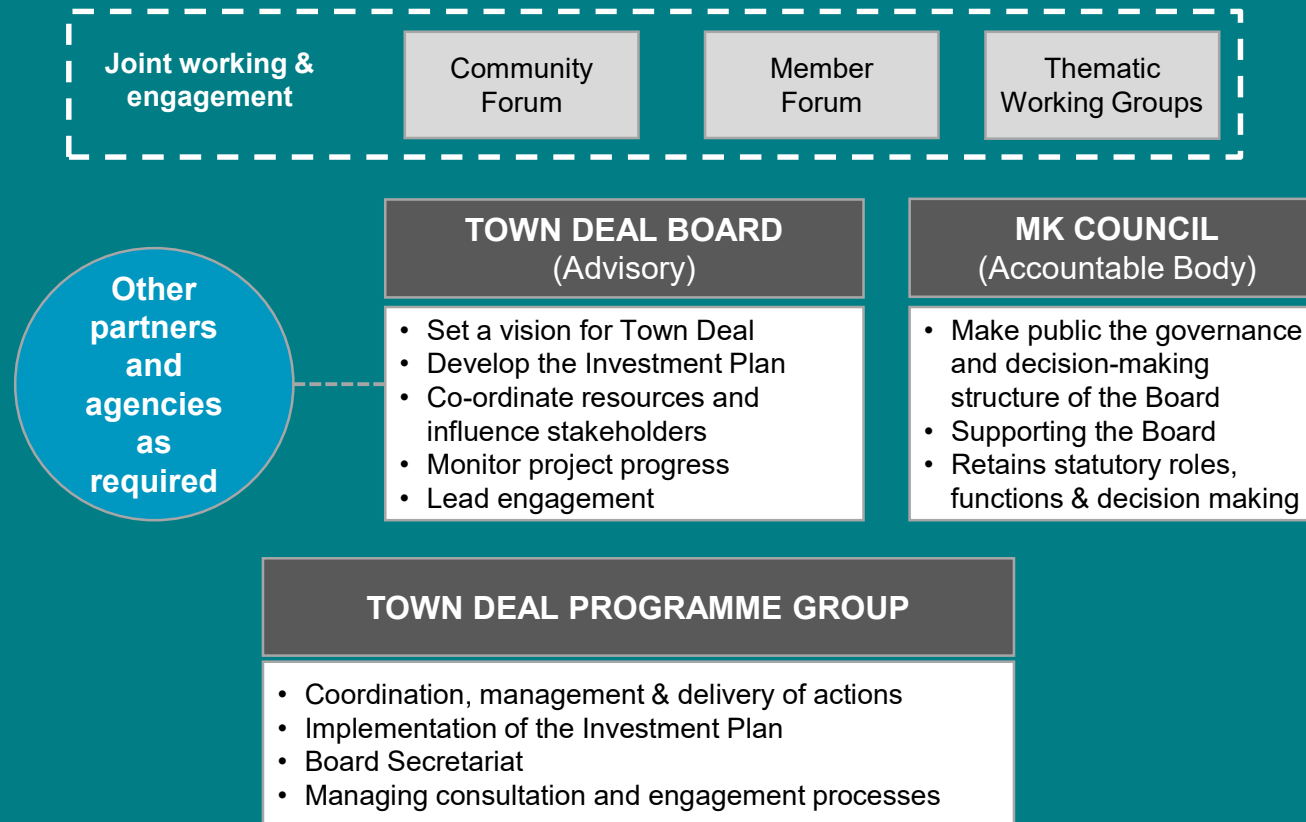
Infrastructure



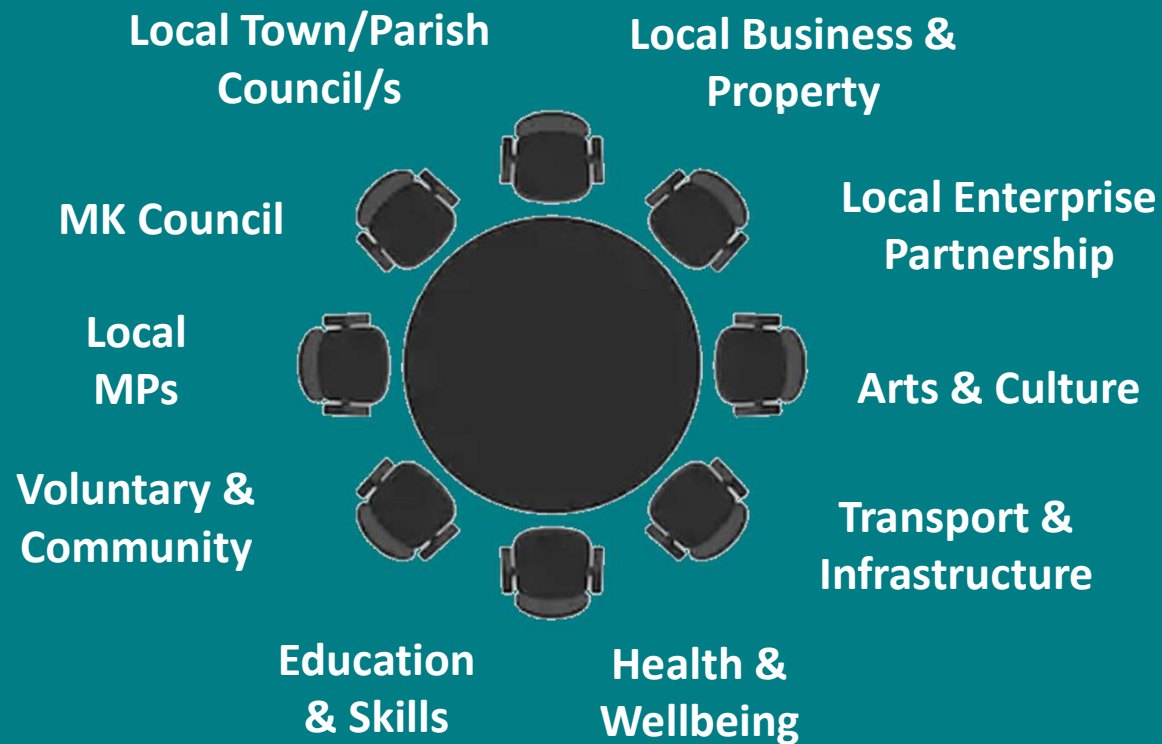
Community



# A possible structure



# Who could be on the Board



# Who else should contribute

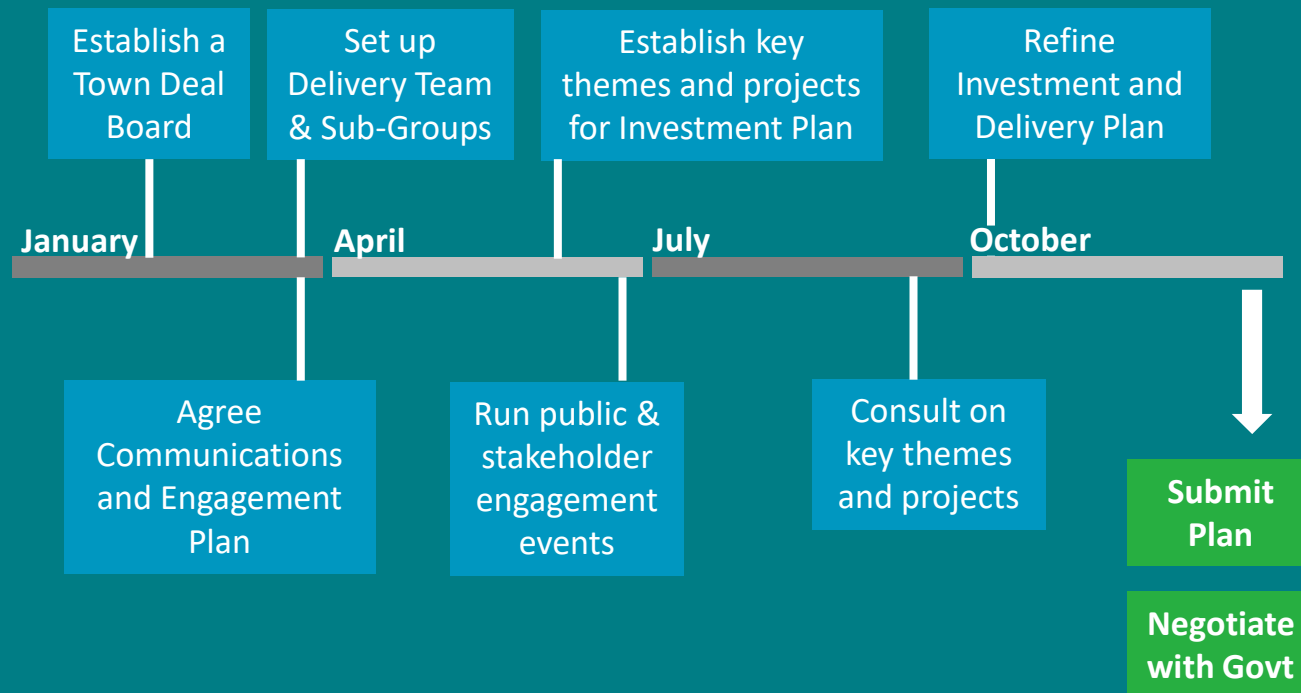
- Everyone involved in Bletchley
- MK Council
- Town Councils
- MP's and Ward Councillors
- Local Business and Landowners/Developers
- Voluntary and Community
- Education and Skills
- Health and Wellbeing
- Cultural
- Housing Associations and Landlords
- Strategic Transport eg Network Rail
- Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP)
- Young People eg Youth Cabinet







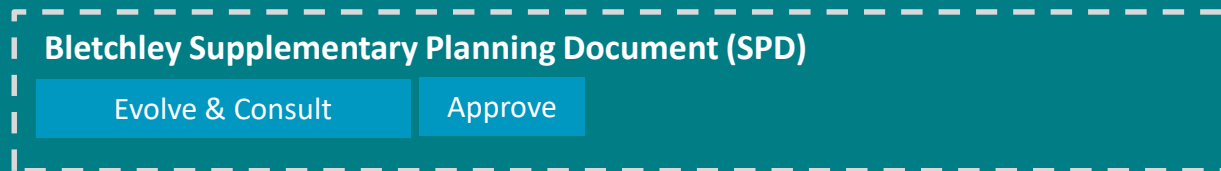
# What needs to be done in 2020



# What needs to be in the Investment Plan

- Background, context and evidence of need for suggested interventions
- A Vision for the Town, complementing economic strategies
- Short, medium and long term priority areas including
  - Locally Funded Activity
  - Publicly Funded Projects (including Town Fund) with high level cost estimates
  - Ambitions for private sector investment and community involvement

# Wider timelines & relationships



# How are we going to do it

- Government awarded Capacity Funding to MK Council to evolve proposals for the Town Deal
- Need to evolve a Board Terms of Reference & define the governance structure
- Proposal for a dedicated Town Deal Programme Manager
- Scope to utilise partner resources (including MKC)
- Other opportunities?

