

Ensuring Economic Prosperity – some reflections on MK's economy

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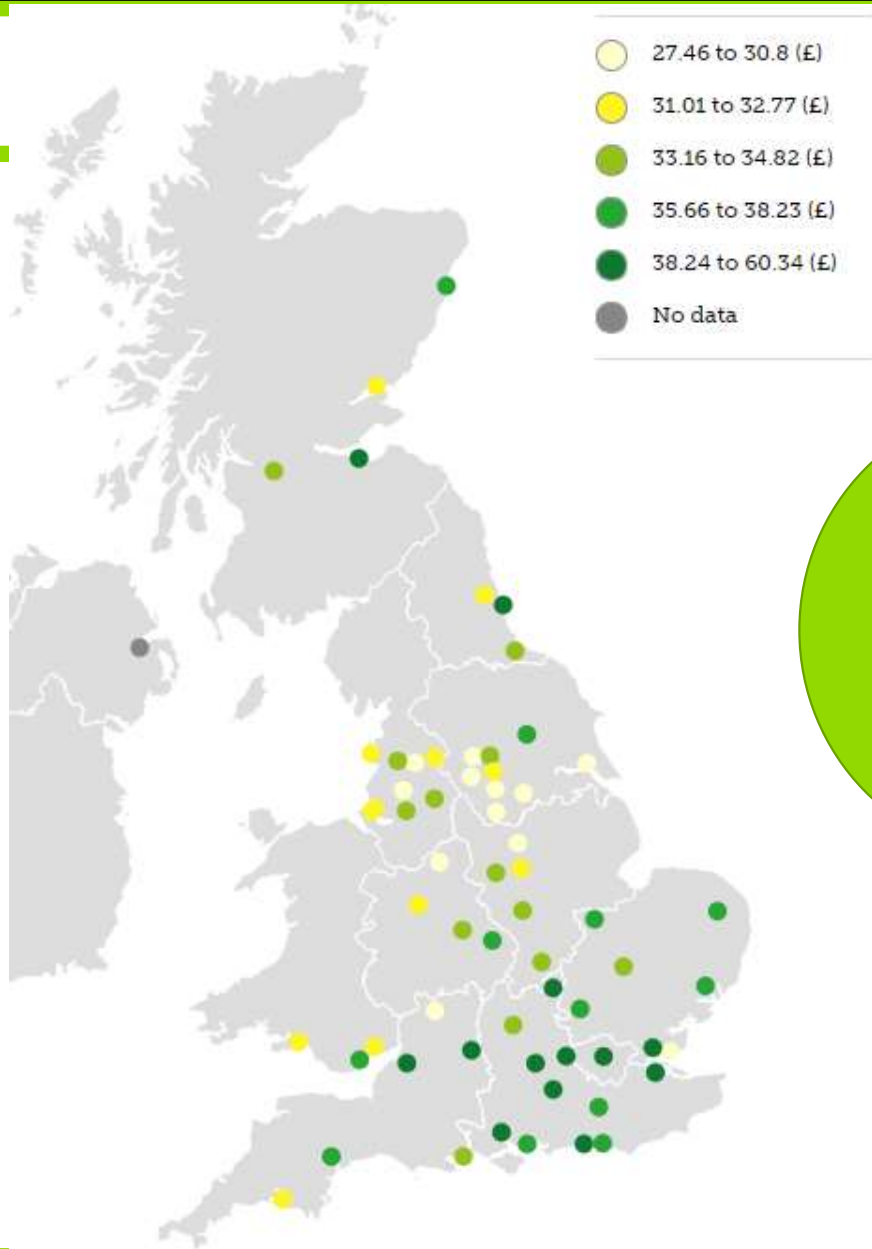
“We can’t predict the future of cities but we can invent them”

Mike Batty, *Inventing Future Cities* (2018)



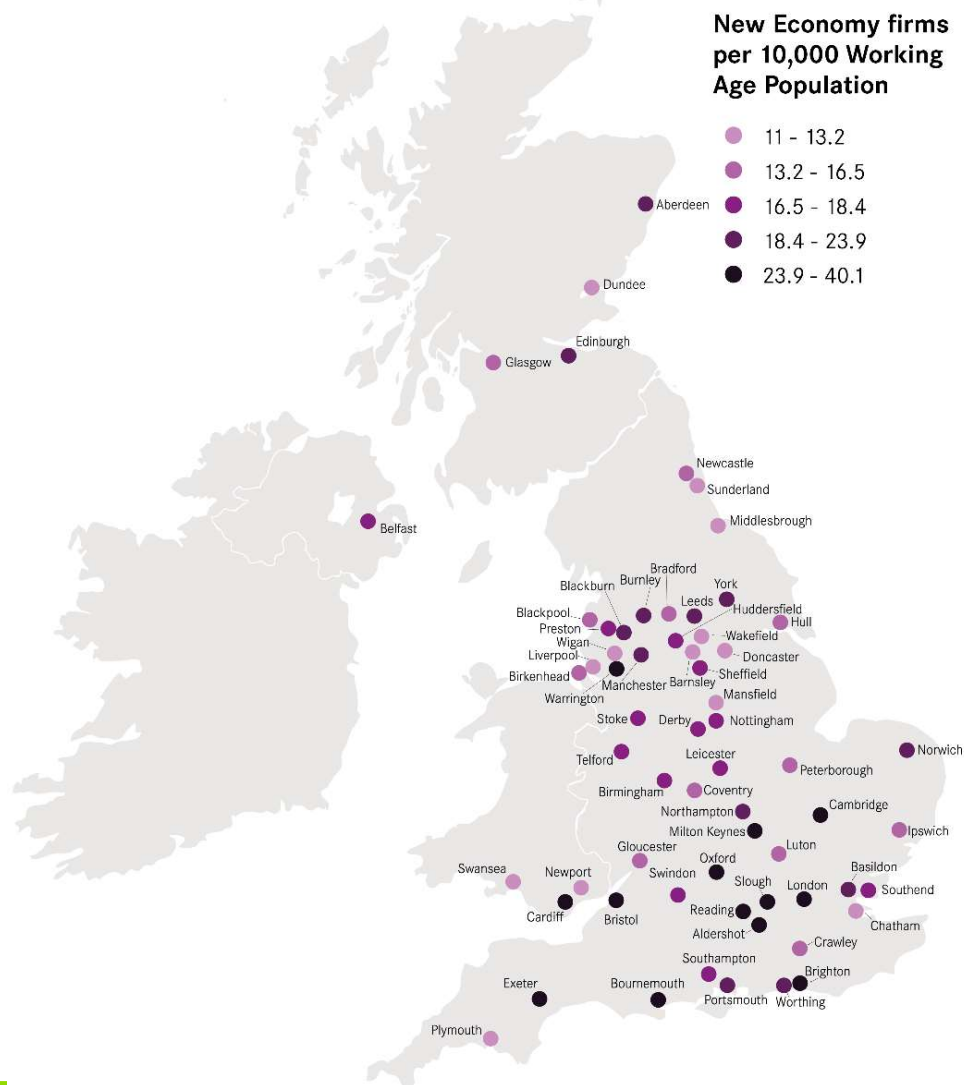
Britain's national economy has an urban problem

Only 10 cities have productivity levels above British average



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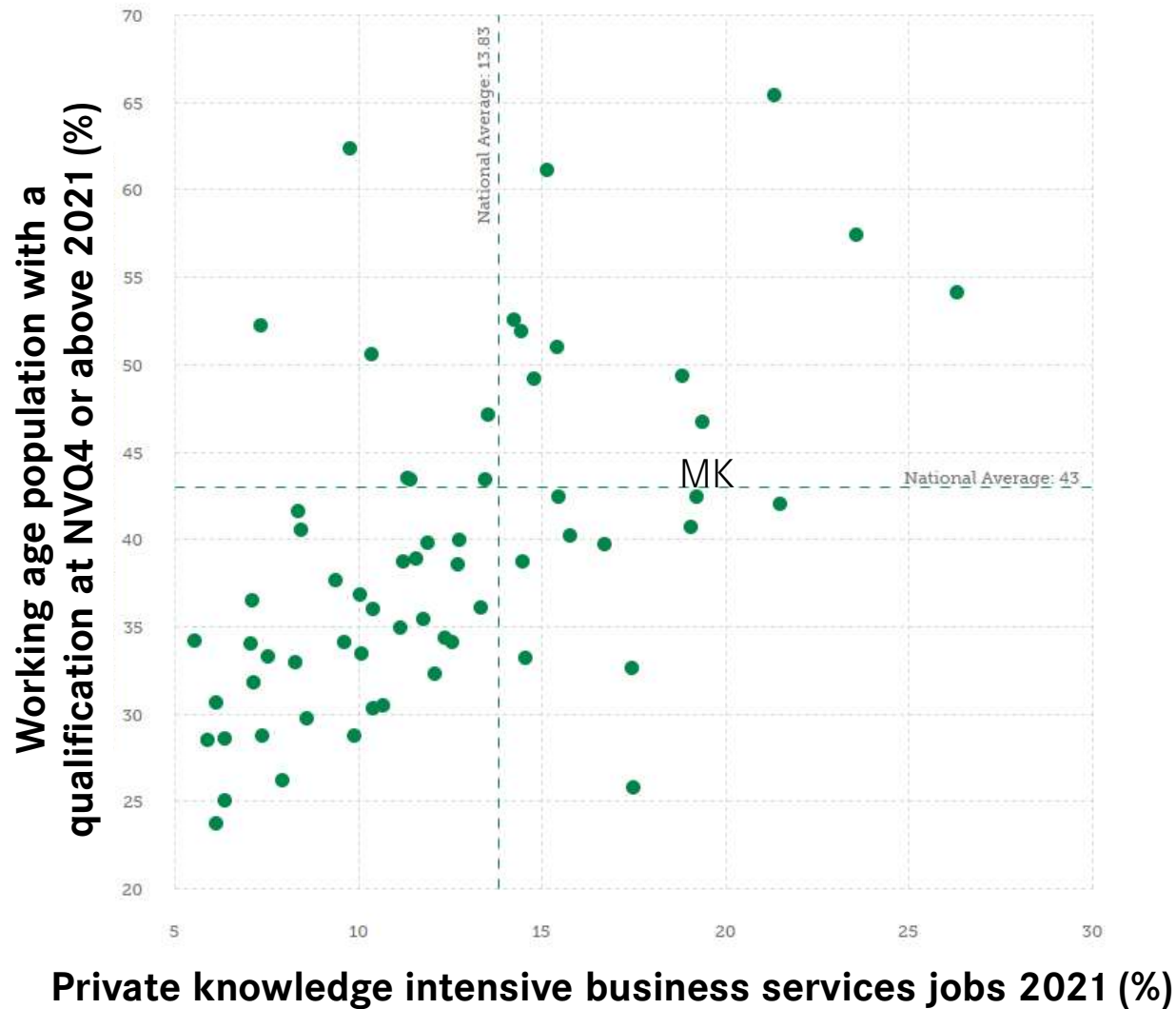
Successful cities are (and will be) attractive to knowledge firms



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And to knowledge workers that are looking for knowledge jobs

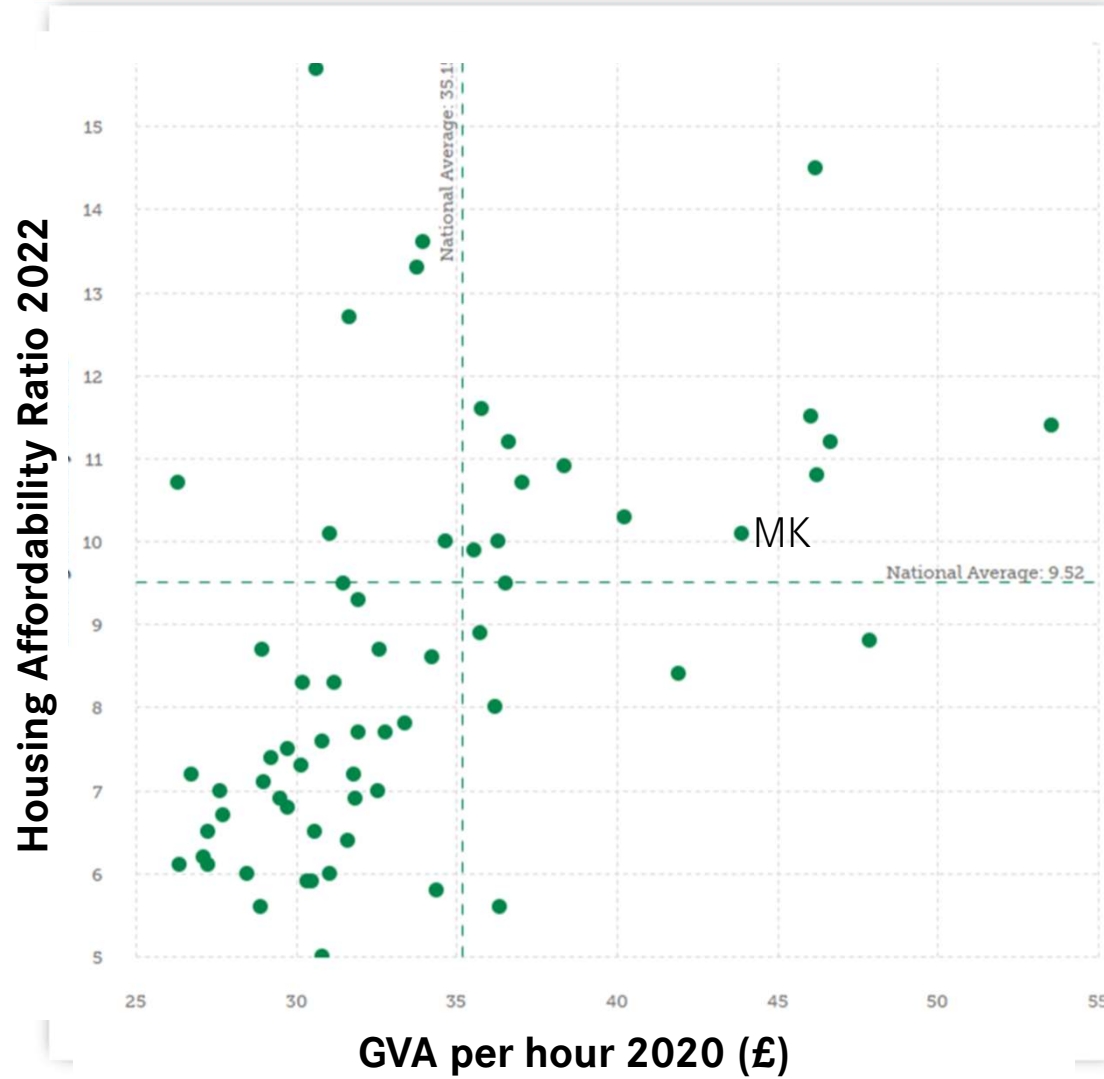
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But success comes with costs that need to be managed

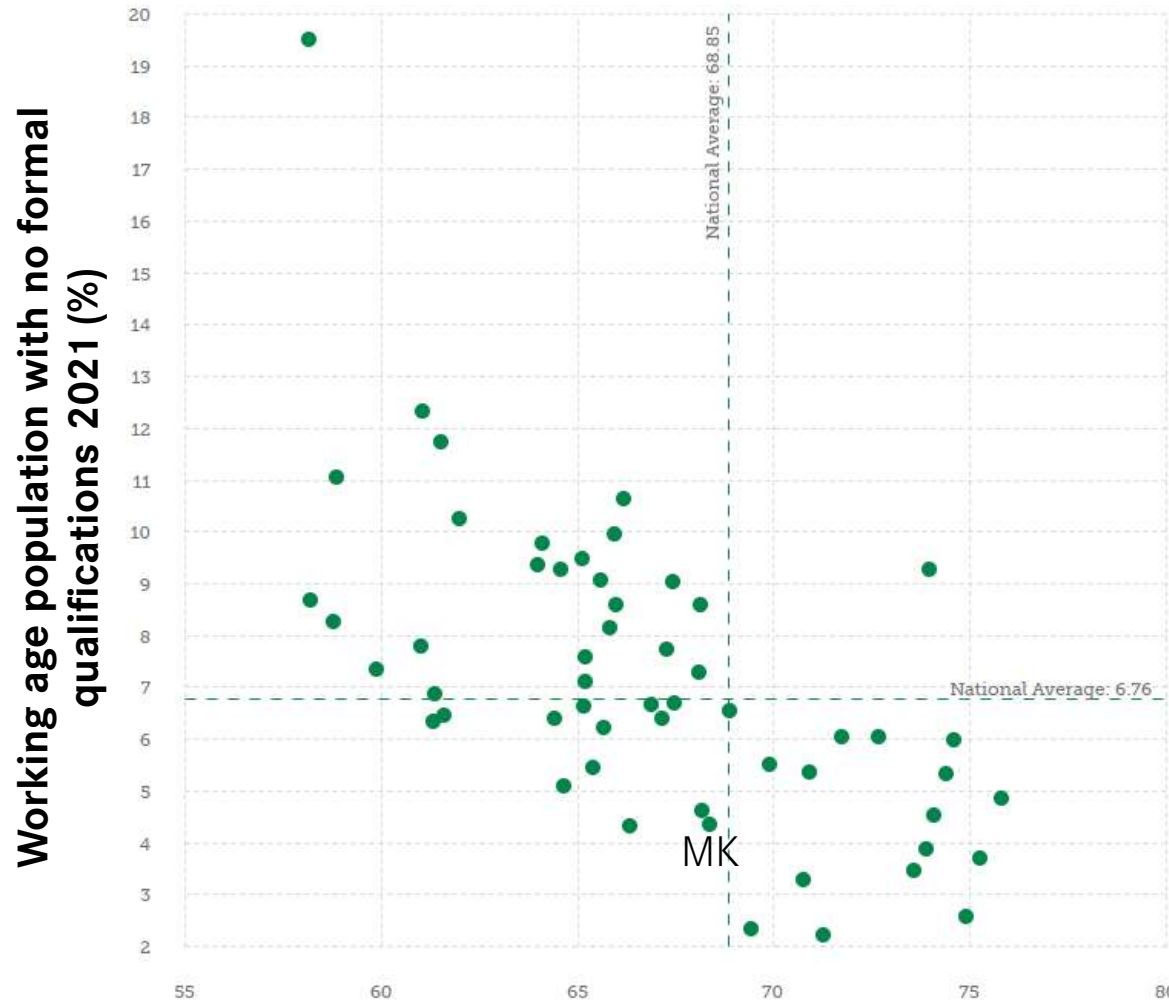
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Need to ensure people have access to the opportunities that cities offer

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Pupils achieving 9-4 grades in Maths & English at GCSE 2022 (%)



Final reflections

- MK is a strong economy city!
- Legacy has served it well
- Continuing to manage success will be the challenge

Questions

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