


Milton Keynes City Council Net Zero Action Plan

To ensure the delivery of the above principles that can drive the outcome of decarbonisation for our Scope emissions each theme will have a delivery programme for our Pathway to Net Zero 2030. These are outlined with the target and delivery timeline.

					
Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decarbonising our supply chain Embedding principles of emission reduction across our supplier network and public procurement programmes 					
Action	Department	Timeline	Scope	RAG rating	Responsible Officer
Delivery of Net Zero playbook and Scope 3 Procured goods and services plan with MKCC procurement	Procurement	April 2026	3		
For new build properties, explore and use more sustainable methods of construction, (e.g. MMC's and volumetric procurement.)	Procurement / Planning	April 2026	3		
Embed carbon reporting and accounting into investment grade business cases for capital programmes.	Corporate Finance	April 2026	3		
Adopt Government Buying Standards for Food and Food For Life Served Here Standards when applicable	Public Health / Procurement	April 2026	3		



Energy

- **Transforming** our waste to heat supporting delivery of **District Heating**
- **Retrofitting** our Council assets, improving energy efficiency
- **Investing** in a new renewable energy production programme at our Wolverton Eco Park
- **Install** micro renewables onto Public and Civic Buildings

Action	Department	Timeline	Scope	RAG rating	Responsible Officer
Identify potential sites and deliver investment grade business case for Renewable Energy preferably within the Wolverton Ecopark	Environmental Services	June 2029	1, 2, 3		
Support the delivery and supply of a District Heating Network	Environmental Services / Property	December 2026	1, 2		
Deliver investment grade business case and procure an Energy Centre to use heat from MKWRP	Environmental Services	June 2029	1, 2		
Review and deliver battery storage across the city	Property	June 2027	2, 3		
That the Council assesses the energy efficiency of its buildings with a view retrofit to EPC Grade C+, delivering through funding programmes including PSDS	Property	April 2028	1, 2, 3		
Install photovoltaics on council owned assets where economically viable	Environmental Services	Ongoing until 2030	1, 2		
Undertake a Local Area Energy Planning overview	Sustainability	April 2028	1, 2		



Emissions

- **Mitigation** of the carbon footprint of our activities by transitioning to electric vehicles – powered by **renewable energy** sources
- **Embedding** the principles of decarbonisation onto our Scope 3 transport providers

Action	Department	Timeline	Scope	RAG rating	Responsible Officer
Implement low emission fleet for Authority. Transition to electrified vehicles using renewable / private wire.	Environmental Services	March 2028	2		
Implement low emission fleet across our major service providers in waste, highways and leisure	Environmental Services	March 2030	2, 3		
Support our bus services provider by supporting access to our private wire to support electrification of buses	Environmental Services / Transport	April 2026	3		
Expand the charging offer at our Bleak Hall depot	Highways	April 2028	1, 2		
New Energy and Fuel Plan for security of supply for our services	Sustainability	April 2028	1, 2		
Understand how staff commute to work and how we might measure impact on travel to work patterns over time.	Sustainability / Transport / HR	April 2026	3		



Environment

- **Biodiversity** enhancements and improvements expanding biomass and sequestration.
- **Carbon Capture** pursuit through biomass increases such as tree planting and improvements to stock including a new Carbon Sink Forest
- **Biosecurity** risk management of pests, enhancing populations and stock in aquatic and ecological habitats to ensure safeguard of sustained carbon sink profiles
- **Investment** in high carbon sink biomes such as marshes, bog land and peats

Action	Department	Timeline	Scope	RAG rating	Responsible Officer
Drive and deliver the outcomes of the Urban Tree Action Plan to increase biomass, urban cooling and biodiversity in the street	Arboriculture	March 2030	1 - 3		
Locate and plant to MK Carbon Sink Forest in Old Wolverton with The Parks Trust	Environmental Services	October 2025	1 - 3		
Drive creation of Marshland, Bogs and Peatland with The Parks Trust	Environmental Services	July 2027	1 - 3		
Biosecurity Action Plan	Environmental Services	March 2025	1 - 3		
Reviewing and deliver offset options for deployment within Milton Keynes	Sustainability	December 2027	1 - 3		



Engagement and Reporting

- **Informing** our staff about progress made why we are doing this
- **Engaging** our Councillors to ensure leadership in the Climate Change space
- **Supporting** our Parish Councils to make changes to reduce their carbon footprint
- **Reporting progress to ensure accountability and oversight**

Action	Department	Timeline	RAG rating	Responsible Officer
Our internal reporting policies will look to match the Climate Emergency UK Scorecard.	All departments	April 2025		
We will demonstrate progress on this plan through GHG emissions reporting and annual updates to cabinet	Sustainability	Ongoing		
Developing service level risk registers and adaptation action plans to prepare services for the impacts of climate change	All departments	Ongoing		
Training on Carbon literacy and accounting including development of Green Skills	Sustainability	April 2025 onwards		
Engaging with Council services to influence the delivery of Net Zero Plans including but not limited to Transport, Housing, Environment and Waste dedicated Action Plans	Sustainability	Ongoing		
Engaging with Parishes on delivery on the Pathway to Net Zero 2030 and sharing opportunities and knowledge	Sustainability	November 2025		

Ensure that Sustainability and Net Zero impacts are considered as part of Council's decision making, and as part of project management approached by MKCC Project Managers.	Governance	April 2025		
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