

Milton Keynes Sustainability Action Plan (Council)

2025-2050







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Milton Keynes adopted its first Sustainability Action plan in 2019.

Since then significant progress has been made on the climate agenda in the city, both on the City Council's own activity and the wide work the authority does within the city.

This is the second iteration of a Milton Keynes Sustainability Action Plan. This document updates and condenses our previous action plan, outlining the major Council focussed projects that will be undertaken on each theme.

It should be read in conjunction with the Five Year Plan - Pathway to Net Zero 2030 as well as, Milton Keynes Sustainability Action Plan (City) which details the work and actions on the city wide emissions.

Quarterly monitoring of this Action Plan will take place, and an annual report to Cabinet on progress will be provided each January. The Sustainability Strategy and both Action Plans will be reviewed in 2028.



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Economy			
Action ref	Action wording	Responsible service	
CC1.1	Delivery of Net Zero playbook and Scope 3 Procured goods and services plan with MKCC procurement	Procurement	
CC1.2	For new build properties, explore and use more sustainable methods of construction, (e.g. MMC's and volumetric procurement.)	Procurement / Planning	
CC1.3	Embed carbon reporting and accounting into investment grade business cases for capital programmes.	Corporate Finance	
CC1.4	Adopt Government Buying Standards for Food and Food For Life Served Here Standards when applicable	Public Health / Procurement	



Energy			
Action ref	Action wording	Responsible service	
CC2.1	Identify potential sites and deliver investment grade business case for Renewable Energy preferably within the Wolverton Ecopark	Environmental Services	
CC2.2	Support the delivery and supply of a District Heating Network	Environmental Services / Property	
CC2.3	Deliver investment grade business case and procure an Energy Centre to use heat from MKWRP	Environmental Services	
CC2.4	Review and deliver battery storage across the city	Property	
CC2.5	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	
CC2.6	Install photovoltaics on council owned assets where economically viable	Environmental Services	
CC2.7	Undertake a Local Area Energy Planning overview	Sustainability	



Emissions			
Action ref	Action wording	Responsible service	
CC3.1	Implement low emission fleet for Authority. Transition to electrified vehicles using renewable / private wire.	Environmental Services	
CC3.2	Implement low emission fleet across our major service providers in waste, highways and leisure	Environmental Services	
CC3.3	Support our bus services provider by supporting access to our private wire to support electrification of buses	Environmental Services / Transport	
CC3.4	Expand the charging offer at our Bleak Hall depot	Highways	
CC3.5	New Energy and Fuel Plan for security of supply for our services	Sustainability	
CC3.6	Understand how staff commute to work and how we might measure impact on travel to work patterns over time.	Sustainability / Transport / HR	



Environment			
Action ref	Action wording	Responsible service	
CC4.1	Drive and deliver the outcomes of the Urban Tree Action Plan to increase biomass, urban cooling and biodiversity in the street	Arboriculture	
CC4.2	Locate and plant to MK Carbon Sink Forest in Old Wolverton with The Parks Trust	Environmental Services	
CC4.3	Drive creation of Marshland, Bogs and Peatland with The Parks Trust	Environmental Services	
CC4.4	Biosecurity Action Plan	Environmental Services	
CC4.5	Reviewing and deliver offset options for deployment within Milton Keynes	Sustainability	



Engagement			
Action ref	Action wording	Responsible service	
CC5.1	Our internal reporting policies will look to match the Climate Emergency UK Scorecard.	All departments	
CC5.2	We will demonstrate progress on this plan through GHG emissions reporting and annual updates to cabinet	Sustainability	
CC5.3	Developing service level risk registers and adaptation action plans to prepare services for the impacts of climate change	All departments	
CC5.4	Training on Carbon literacy and accounting including development of Green Skills	Sustainability	
CC5.5	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	
CC5.6	Engaging with Parishes on delivery on the Pathway to Net Zero 2030 and sharing opportunities and knowledge	Sustainability	

