

Milton Keynes New Town Partnership

Memorandum of Understanding

Introduction

Milton Keynes is one of the UK's most dynamic and strategically significant growth areas, positioned at the heart of the Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor with exceptional connectivity to London and the Midlands.

Its ambitious housing and employment growth agenda underpins the city's proposal to be a key part of Government plans to build New Towns for the 21st century. This is a unique, once in a generation opportunity to strengthen Milton Keynes' role as a national economic driver, deliver world-class placemaking, and secure long-term prosperity for its communities.

By making a collective commitment we will translate these opportunities into tangible, city-wide benefits.

A United Voice

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the shared commitment of the City Council and seven leading developers and landowners in Milton Keynes to work collaboratively with Government and local partners to maximise the city-wide benefits created by the ambitious housing and employment growth proposed for Milton Keynes, including as part of a New Town programme.

The New Town Partnership will present a united voice to help secure investment, improve infrastructure and deliver growth, and promote Milton Keynes on major national platforms and through engagement with Government.

Shared Principles

1. **Speaking with One Voice to Government** – Present a unified position to Government on policy, funding, and infrastructure priorities to strengthen Milton Keynes' case for investment, including engaging and meeting with Government as a collective.
2. **Driving Inclusive Growth** – Embed sustainability, high quality placemaking, and community benefits into all development proposals, ensuring Milton Keynes remains a leading example of modern urban growth.

3. **Balancing Growth Benefits** – Informed by the emerging Local Plan’s supporting Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), an expanded Tariff-based contribution system will be agreed to support balanced growth across the allocations and wider city.
4. **Promoting City Centre Development** – Use both private and public sector routes to deliver the benefits of city centre development, reinforcing Central Milton Keynes as a vibrant, competitive urban hub and attractive place to live.
5. **Accessing Local Skills and Trades** – Prioritise local workforce development and supply chains to maximise economic benefits for Milton Keynes residents.
6. **Attracting Further Investment** – Maintain a strong presence at UKREiiF and other strategic forums to showcase Milton Keynes’ growth potential and reach investors.

Governance and Next Steps

Governance Structure: A steering group comprising representatives from each signatory will meet quarterly to review progress, share intelligence, and agree joint actions.

Coordination: The group will appoint a 6-month rotating chair to ensure balanced leadership and accountability.

Immediate priorities:

- Develop a shared engagement plan for Government and key stakeholders.
- Prepare a joint presence at UKREiiF, including branding and messaging.
- Identify opportunities for skills development partnerships with local colleges and training providers.

Reporting: Outcomes and agreed actions will be documented and shared with all signatories to maintain transparency and momentum.

Commitment

By signing this MOU, we confirm our intention to collaborate openly, share intelligence, and align strategies to deliver the best outcomes for the City of Milton Keynes. This is a non-binding agreement that reflects our shared ambition and collective responsibility.

Signatories

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