



TIME FOR CHANGE

**Our plan for Milton Keynes
Milton Keynes Borough Council Elections 3 May 2018**



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A personal message from **Cllr Alex Walker** Leader of Milton Keynes Conservatives

Dear Resident,

This year, you have the chance to vote for real change in Milton Keynes.

Our roads are in a mess. Homelessness has risen. All the while, council cash reserves have grown. It's time to do things differently.

The choice on 3rd May is between an ambitious and achievable Conservative plan for the future, or more of the same under a Labour Council that has run out of ideas and is being propped up by the Lib Dems.

We know people lack trust in politicians. We know people just want things to be done. My personal pledge to you is that we will be the party that delivers. We will:

- fix an extra 8,000 potholes in 6 months;
- invest £2 million more into supporting rough sleepers;
- keep our streets clean and tackle graffiti;
- support communities to fight unwanted and inappropriate developments;
- make sure you always get value for money.

I live in Milton Keynes, I drive over the potholes on our roads, I see the growing number of people sleeping rough, I see our environment becoming littered and overgrown. I am frustrated with the constant fight to protect our precious green spaces and I am angry about our council tax being wasted on Labour's unnecessary projects, such as the £10 million council office refurbishment.

It is time for change—but change can only happen if you vote for it.

Vote for your local Conservative Candidate on 3rd May and together we can deliver a better future for Milton Keynes.

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Delivering a better future for people in Milton Keynes.

Our plan for Milton Keynes sets out some of our key pledges on housing, homelessness, transport, highways, environment, finance, planning, children's services, education and adult social care.

Housing

1 GET MK BUILDING

We will press for the right number and mix of new homes, built in the appropriate places.

2 COMMUNITY-LED REGENERATION

We will support community-led Regeneration, ensuring residents have real input into decision making.

3 MORE COMPETITION

We will encourage small and medium sized developers to be part of the solution, bringing more competition and higher quality housing.

4 MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We will put forward an ambitious plan to build more affordable homes including council houses.



Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

1 £2 MILLION EXTRA FUNDING

Up to 100 people are sleeping rough on our streets. It is Labour's biggest failing in office and it needs to end.

2 MORE OUTREACH SERVICES

We will provide serious funding and support for services such as mental health outreach support.

3 SUPPORT FOR HOMELESSNESS STAKEHOLDERS

We will support all stakeholders, such as the YMCA and the Homelessness Partnership in Milton Keynes. We will also engage with the Government's new Rough Sleeping Team.

4 CHAMPION INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

We will explore all options identifying innovative solutions to eradicate rough sleeping by 2020.

5 SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

We will ensure there is focus on working with veterans through the Armed Forces Covenant.

6 REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

We will work to bring down the huge number of families in temporary accommodation. Everyone deserves the security of their own home.

Transport and Highways

1 SUPPORTING TRANSPORT INNOVATION

We will support innovative transport solutions such as Electric Vehicles and Mass Transit to ensure MK is ready for the future.

2 PROTECTING OUR GRID ROADS

We will improve road safety through proper signage and education. The grid roads make Milton Keynes a very accessible place to live.

3 REPAINTING FADED ROAD LINES

We will ensure funding is available for painting white and yellow lines on our roads to make roads safer for all.

4 BETTER INFORMATION FOR BUS USERS

We will modernise the way bus services provide its information. We will design an app which will have real time data for all bus services.

5 AFFORDABLE PARKING

We will deliver more CMK parking spaces and more 'purple rate' parking . We will also look at 'pay on exit' in CMK to save you money.

6 FREE PARKING PERMIT SCHEMES

We will provide communities with free parking permit schemes; instead of punishing car owners we will work with them.

War on Potholes

Our roads are in an awful state. Every door we knock on, the story is the same. That's why we are declaring war on MK's potholes epidemic.

OUR PLAN:

Fix an extra 8,000 potholes in 6 months on top of the repairs already planned. Stick to the 28-day timeframe for repairs.

LABOUR'S PLAN:

Scrap the 28-day repair policy, meaning more, larger, unfixed potholes on our roads for longer.



Value for MK Taxpayers

Where is your money really going?

Year	Your Council Tax Rise	Labour's Council Reserves (Savings Account)
2015	1.95%	£124 million
2016	3.95%	£160 million
2017	4.95%	£178 million

Labour are raising council tax and stashing the cash while imposing needless cuts on road repairs and wasting millions on mismanaged projects.

Labour can't be trusted to manage council finances. We will stop the waste and invest in front-line services.

JUST SOME EXAMPLES OF LABOUR'S WASTE:

Council splashes out on £6 million refurb to 'save money'

Milton Keynes Citizen 27/07/15

*Now almost £11 million!

Council apologises over blunder that will cost Milton Keynes taxpayers almost £1m

Milton Keynes Citizen 13/09/2017

Council 'gamble' led to a £2.5 million loss

Milton Keynes Citizen 05/10/2015

*Reckless borrowing for a waste treatment site project, the loss is now nearly £8 million!

Planning and Infrastructure

1 DEFEND OUR FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

We will always defend the original planning principles of Milton Keynes.

2 VILLAGE GREEN REVOLUTION

We will give communities the tools to defend the green spaces that we all love from inappropriate developments.

3 INFRASTRUCTURE BEFORE EXPANSION

We will make sure infrastructure always comes before expansion, ensuring Milton Keynes remains a great place to live.

4 GIVING PEOPLE A REAL SAY

We will always make sure residents, parishes and communities are given a real say in planning matters.

5 CAMBRIDGE - MK - OXFORD CORRIDOR

We will focus our future growth not just in the constraints of MK's borders, but will work with neighbouring authorities to take strategic decisions for our region.

Environment and Waste

1 DEFEND WEEKLY BIN COLLECTIONS

We will keep weekly bin collections. People want them and they will stay if we run the Council.

2 INVEST MORE IN LITTER PICKS

We will reverse the cuts to litter picking and invest more across MK to make our environment a cleaner place.

3 DELIVER MORE RECYCLING SACKS TO YOU

We will scrap plans to reduce the number of recycling bags you receive. We need to recycle more not less.

4 PROTECT GREEN SPACES

We will defend well-used and well-loved green spaces at every opportunity.



Culture, Charities and Voluntary Organisations

1 A NEW GRANTS OFFICER

We will invest in a new grants officer to be based at MK Council. Their role will be to find funding opportunities for charities and voluntary organisations.

2 PROVIDE FUNDING CERTAINTY

We will provide certainty for charities and other voluntary organisations who receive money from the Council.

3 KEEP LIBRARIES OPEN

We have and will always fight to keep libraries open and offering a wide range of services to the community.

4 MK AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY

We will promote projects that show the amazing culture Milton Keynes has to offer to people around the world, such as the International Festival.



Education

1 KEEP CHILDREN'S CENTRES OPEN

We will support parents by keeping open all Council-run children's centres.

2 SCHOOLS FIRST, THEN EXPANSION

We will make sure new schools are planned and are built in the areas where MK is expanding.

3 BETTER ACHIEVEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

We will work with schools and academies across Milton Keynes to make sure achievements improve every year.

4 LEAD FROM THE FRONT ON APPRENTICESHIPS

We will make more apprenticeship opportunities available for school leavers at Milton Keynes Council and encourage businesses to do the same.

5 A NEW UNIVERSITY

We will support the opening of a new University in CMK. We will look at innovative funding options to help support the project.

6 KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

When it comes to safeguarding our children, we need to make sure we have the strongest processes in place. We will work to make sure they are robust and meet the needs of the most vulnerable children in MK.

Health and Adult Social Care

1 BACK OUR HOSPITAL

We will back Milton Keynes University Hospital on its journey to grow and to become one of the best and safest hospitals in the UK.

2 NEW HUBS IN NEW COMMUNITIES

We will invest money earned by the Council from new homes into building new health and social care hubs in our local communities and in new developments, as soon as possible.

3 SUPPORT FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

We will continue to support vulnerable people to live independently and encourage more residents to use Personal Independent Payments, if that's what is right for them.

4 BETTER SAFEGUARDING

We will invest £200,000 in measures to improve and support the adult safeguarding team, providing them with the ability to investigate safeguarding referrals more thoroughly, making our most vulnerable people safer.

5 KEEPING UP WITH DEMAND

As the Milton Keynes population changes and ages, we will ensure our social care services are properly funded, are able to grow and improve to meet increased demand.

6 FOCUS ON PREVENTION

Prevention is better than cure, which is why we will support public health projects in Milton Keynes which will improve people's lives and save money in the long-run.



The choice at this election.



Labour have run Milton Keynes Council for 4 years. It has become clear that they have run out of ideas and lack the leadership to take Milton Keynes forward. At this election, there is a clear choice between an ambitious plan for change under the Conservatives or more of the same under a Labour Council being propped up by the Lib Dems.

Our Plan for Change

A war on potholes: an extra 8,000 repaired within 6 months. Stick to the 28-day repair timeframe.

Invest £2 million into reducing homelessness with an emphasis on supporting rough sleepers and we will end rough sleeping within 24 months.

An ambitious drive to build affordable housing, including social housing to give people the security of a home.

Support communities by giving them the tools to defend well-used and well-loved green spaces.

Stop Labour's waste and stashing of the cash; investing your money wisely, making sure you always get value for money.

Invest in additional support for our most vulnerable adults, ensuring they are protected from abuse and neglect.

Invest in services that matter most to you, from litter picks to graffiti cleaning to filling grit bins and providing pest control.

Hire a new grants officer at the Council to support charities and voluntary organisations find the support and funding they need.

Labour's Record of Failure

Voted to scrap the 28-day timeframe for repairing potholes leaving more, larger, unfixed potholes on our roads for longer.

Labour have overseen a huge rise in individuals sleeping rough; cut funding to front line services and voted against our £2million plan.

Failed to work effectively with private landlords; failed to deliver on their pledge to build 200 new council houses. Responsible for a rapid rise in temporary accommodation numbers: from 140 in 2014 to almost 800 in 2017.

Consistently attacking communities by publishing ill-thought through reports and plans that propose inappropriate developments on inappropriate sites.

Stashed over £50 million of your hard-earned money over 3 years taking reserves to £178 million while telling you they had to cut services. Wasted millions on mismanaged projects.

An independent report showed Labour-led Milton Keynes Council as the worst council in the country for looking at referrals of vulnerable adults who may be at risk.

Withdrew funding for litter picks, scrapped one graffiti cleaning team, all while stashing £50million in reserves.

Pulled back support for lunch clubs, charities, and other voluntary organisations, many of which work on the front-line to support MK's most vulnerable.