

Towns Fund

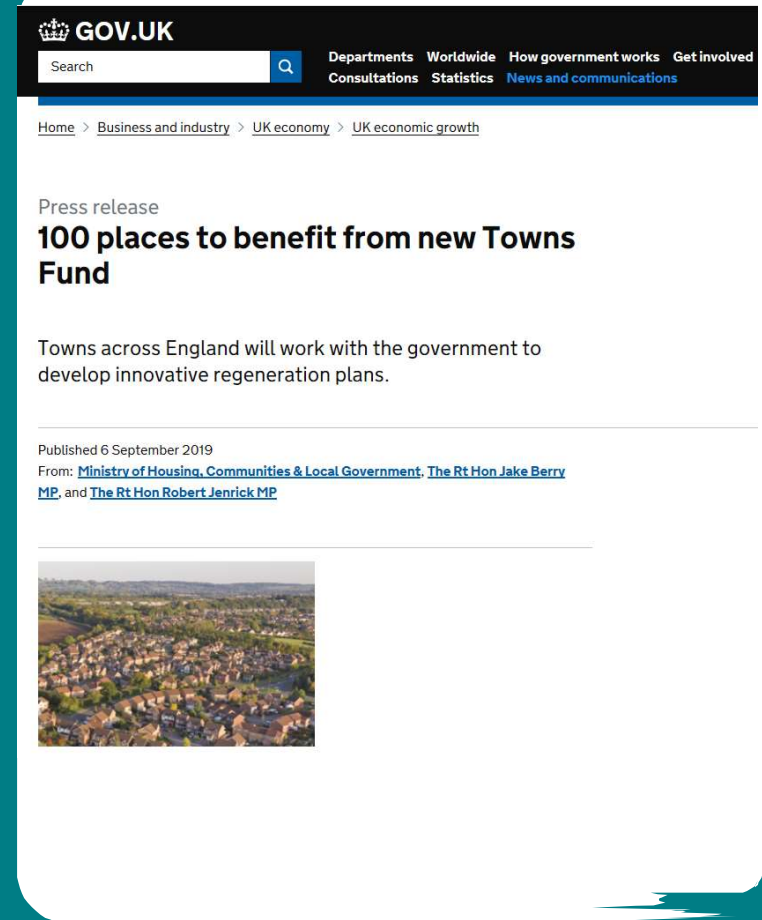
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Towns Fund

- £3.6bn fund to support towns to build prosperous futures – up to £25m per town
- 100 places identified and MK on the list to work with government to develop “innovative regeneration plans”
- Town deals are part of the commitment to “levelling up” regions



The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GOV.UK logo, a search bar, and links for Departments, Worldwide, How government works, Get involved, Consultations, Statistics, and News and communications. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Business and industry > UK economy > UK economic growth. The main content area is titled 'Press release' and features the headline '100 places to benefit from new Towns Fund'. The text below the headline states: 'Towns across England will work with the government to develop innovative regeneration plans.' Below this, it says 'Published 6 September 2019' and 'From: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, The Rt Hon Jake Berry MP, and The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP'. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a photograph of a town with many houses and green spaces.

Basic Ingredients for Success

Liveability -

safe streets,
affordable
homes , good
jobs, great
public
services
supporting
families & the
vulnerable

Connections -

broadband
everywhere,
transport,
inspiration and
innovation

Culture –

strengthen their
cultural and
creative
infrastructure
(the gathering
places that give
a community its
life)

Power –

places need
power and a
sense of
responsibility
and
accountability



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The details...

- Communities, business and local leaders to draw up ambitious plans to transform economic growth prospects
- Focus on improved transport, broadband connectivity , skills and culture with up to £25m expected for each area
- A prospectus and eligibility criteria published (1 Nov) and sets out process and next stages
- [100 Towns List](#) [Prospectus](#)

The details...

- Towns Deal Board to be established – to act as an advisory board to the Council
- Evidence based Towns Investment Plan to be prepared and agreed by the Towns Deal Board - need to identify local priorities for investment
- One off capacity Funding Provided to support the process £173k allocated for MK

A lot already happening.....

Bletchley
Park

Institute of
Technology

East West
rail and
eastern
entrance

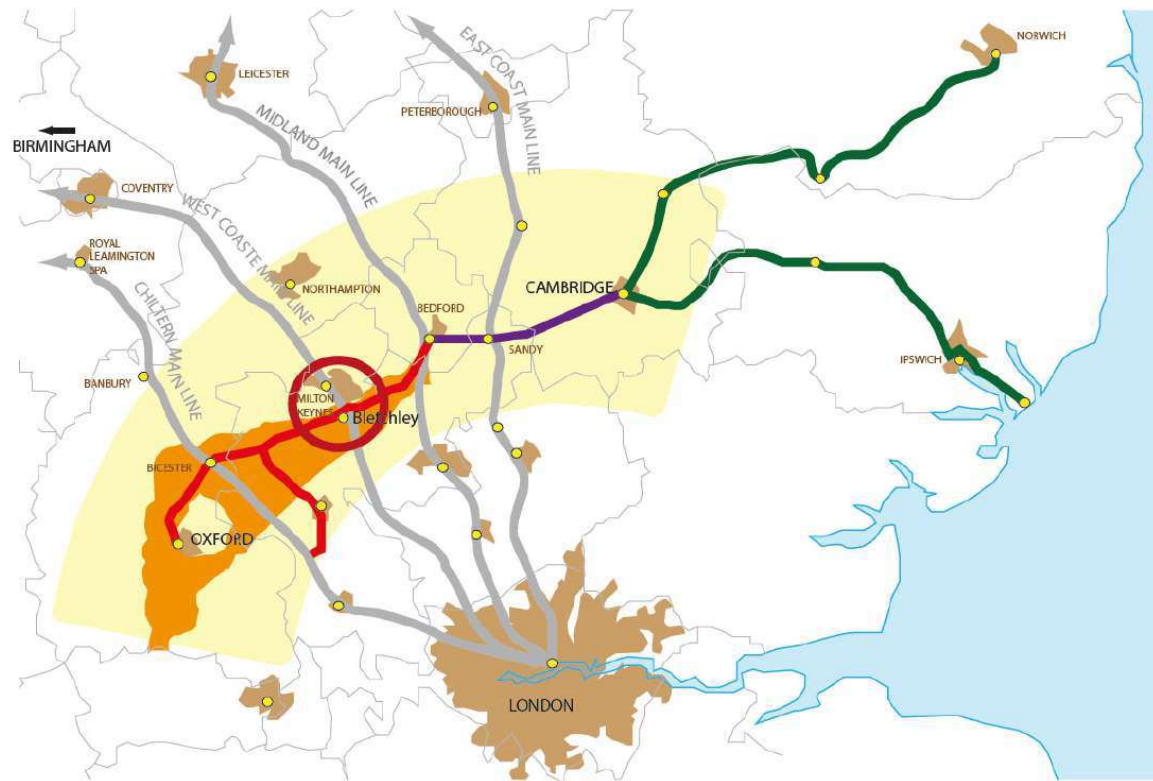
Lakes estate
regeneration
investment

Neighbourhood
Plans

Blue light
hub and
legacy sites

Central
Bletchley
Prospectus

Opportunity ... at the Heart of the Arc



Prospectus Area: Opportunity Sites



Next steps ...

- MKC to progress Urban Design Framework SPD for Prospectus Area:
 - Extensive consultation
 - Guidance and principles for future development proposals
 - Co-ordinate with B&FSTC Neighbourhood Planning process
 - Contributes to Town Deal Investment/Business Plan

**What needs to be
done and how we
might do it**



A wide ranging opportunity...

- To create a **positive and sustainable future**
- Through a **new partnership** approach
- To evolve, agree and deliver a programme that can:
 - **Improve the place** as a whole
 - Establish a **vibrant town centre**
 - Develop **local skills and support business**
 - Deliver **healthier lifestyles & enhanced well being**
 - Improve **connectivity** - both transport and digital



**A bright
future for the
people of
Bletchley**

Place

Economy

Bletchley
Town
Deal

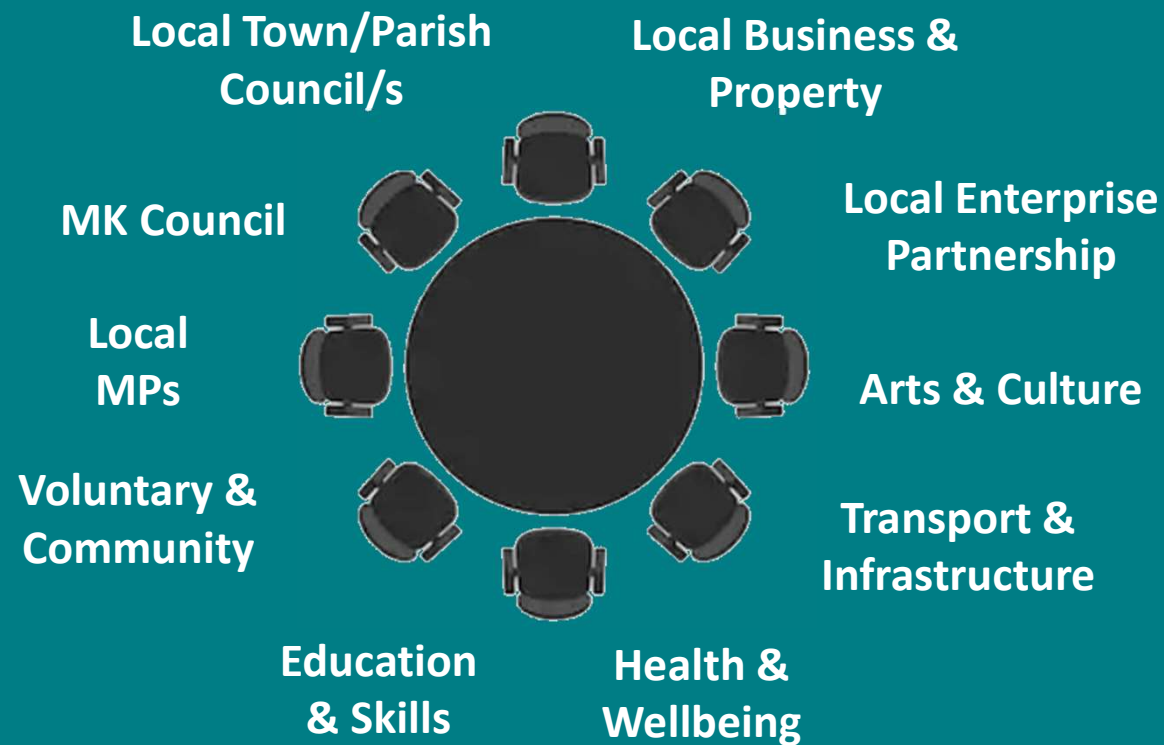
Infrastructure

Community

A possible structure



Who could be on the Board



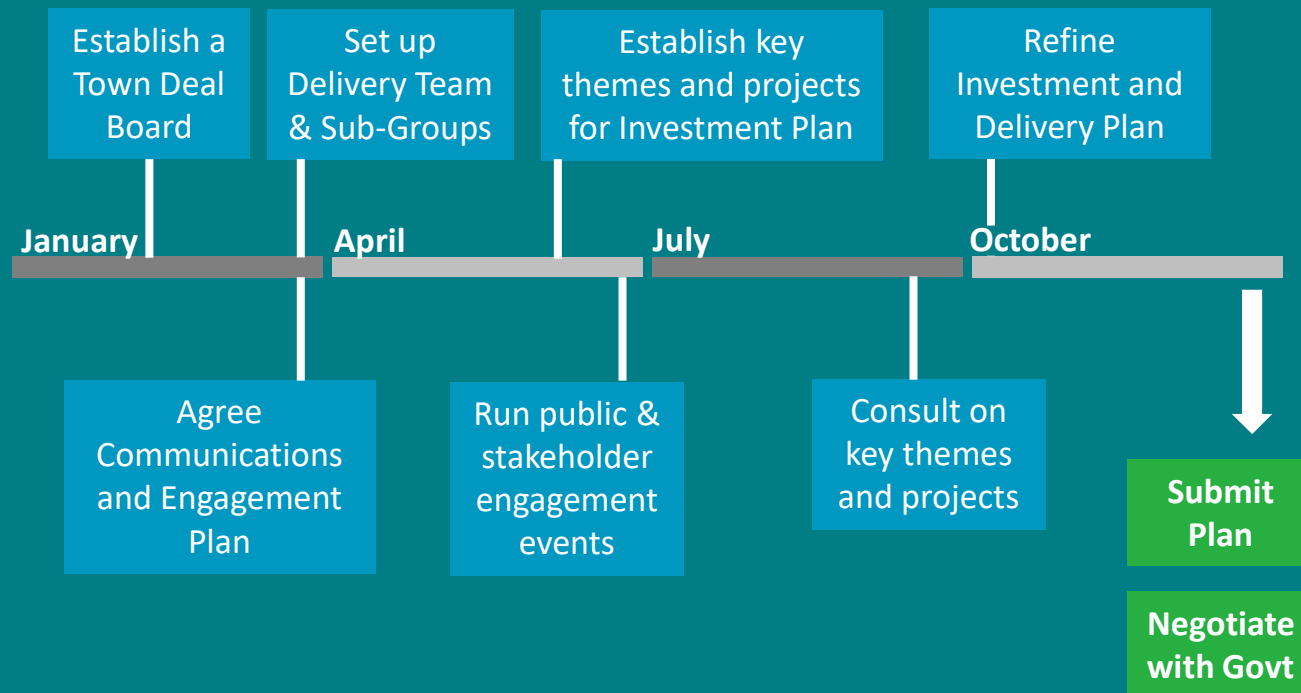
Who else should contribute

- Everyone involved in Bletchley
- MK Council
- Town Councils
- MP's and Ward Councillors
- Local Business and Landowners/Developers
- Voluntary and Community
- Education and Skills
- Health and Wellbeing
- Cultural
- Housing Associations and Landlords
- Strategic Transport eg Network Rail
- Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP)
- Young People eg Youth Cabinet





What needs to be done in 2020



What needs to be in the Investment Plan

- Background, context and evidence of need for suggested interventions
- A Vision for the Town, complementing economic strategies
- Short, medium and long term priority areas including
 - Locally Funded Activity
 - Publicly Funded Projects (including Town Fund) with high level cost estimates
 - Ambitions for private sector investment and community involvement

Wider timelines & relationships



Bletchley Town Fund

Set up Evolve Submit Appraise Deliver

Bletchley Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Evolve & Consult Approve

Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Neighbourhood Plan

Prep Evolve & Consult Submit & Confirm

How are we going to do it

- Government awarded Capacity Funding to MK Council to evolve proposals for the Town Deal
- Need to evolve a Board Terms of Reference & define the governance structure
- Proposal for a dedicated Town Deal Programme Manager
- Scope to utilise partner resources (including MKC)
- Other opportunities?

