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**Milton Keynes Labour Party
2022 Manifesto.**

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Milton Keynes Labour Party believes that our city has a bright future. We want to build a city that puts security, prosperity, and respect at the heart of everything we do, taking pride in our city and making the good things even better.

We want MK to be a safe and secure city. Knife crime is out of control and we need more police. We won't shy away from the need to crack down on those committing crimes, however we also know we need to tackle the long-term causes of crime and we will invest in our young people. MK Labour will keep fighting to make sure people have the security of a good job and a home to rent or buy at a price they can afford.

We want to guarantee a prosperous city that thrives and creates good jobs that ensure a good standard of living for everyone. However, the cost of living is rising. We are all feeling the pinch as energy and fuel bills rise, inflation increases, mortgage rates rise, weekly shopping is getting more expensive but real terms wages are falling. MK Labour will ensure that MK Council supports those that need it most so MK will continue to be a world-leading place to invest and create jobs.

We want a city that respects and values everyone; where everyone plays their part in making our great city even greater, where older people are looked after when they need it and where our children and young people are kept safe. MK Labour will support all our diverse communities to come together and take pride in our city and ensure MK Council delivers the services that people need.

Now, more than ever, we need a strong, forward-thinking Labour-led Council to get people through the cost of living crisis and create a city we can all be proud of.

Our five key pledges.



More police.

We will push the Police and Crime Commissioner to get a grip on knife crime and increase police numbers in Milton Keynes by 30 full-time officers by the end of 2022.

Help during the cost of living crisis.

We'll provide help for low-income pensioners and families with their fuel and council tax bills.



Clean up Milton Keynes.

We will cut fly-tipping by 10% and reduce litter on our streets by continuing the roll-out of our litter wardens.

Fix our roads and pavements.

We will fix 15,000 extra potholes and invest £4m in long-term improvements on roads and pavements.



Keep council tax low.

We will ensure that Milton Keynes continues to have the lowest council tax in the region with good, value for money services.



1. Supporting people during the cost of living crisis.

The Tories have created this cost of living crisis. They are the party of high tax, and the tax burden on people is the highest since WW2. Instead of taxing the huge profits of oil companies, Rishi Sunak has imposed a £200 energy bill loan onto every household.

Our pledges on tackling the cost of living crisis:

- £250,000 to support low-income families with rising energy bills.
- A council tax discount for low-income pensioners in higher-band properties.
- Commit to ensure no child goes without food.



2. Jobs, the recovery and prosperity.

We need Milton Keynes to be at the forefront of the economic recovery from Covid, creating well paid jobs and a fairer, more prosperous economy, while supporting the most vulnerable in our society.

Our pledges on jobs, the recovery and prosperity:

- Support for more independent businesses on our high streets.
- Renew our older estates and regenerate Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.
- Build more council homes and increase the level of affordable housing to rent or buy.



3. Safety and security.

The Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner has lost control of knife crime. He has increased Police Tax by 4.3% in MK this year, but crime is rising. We need to be tough on crime in MK. We need a plan, and we need it now.

We know that we also need to tackle the causes of crime and anti-social behaviour. Over the past ten years, more than £1billion has been cut from youth services nationally, and there is a mental health crisis among our young people.

Our pledges for a safer and more secure Milton Keynes:

- More police. We will push the Police and Crime Commissioner to get a grip on knife crime and increase police numbers in Milton Keynes by 30 more full-time officers by the end of 2022.
- Invest in youth services. We will roll out more activities and support for our young people.
- Develop an 'MK Health Deal' with local health organisations to increase mental health funding by the NHS for our young people to cut the diagnosis and referral time for treatment.

4. Pride in MK and our services.

We know how special and unique Milton Keynes is, and we want to keep it that way. After £200m of funding cuts, we're still focussed on delivering the essentials well.

Our pledges on taking pride in MK and our services:

- Clean up Milton Keynes. We will cut fly-tipping by 10% and reduce litter on our streets by continuing the roll out of our litter wardens.
- Fix our roads and pavements. We will fix 15,000 extra potholes and invest £4m in long-term improvements on roads and pavements.
- Keep council tax low.

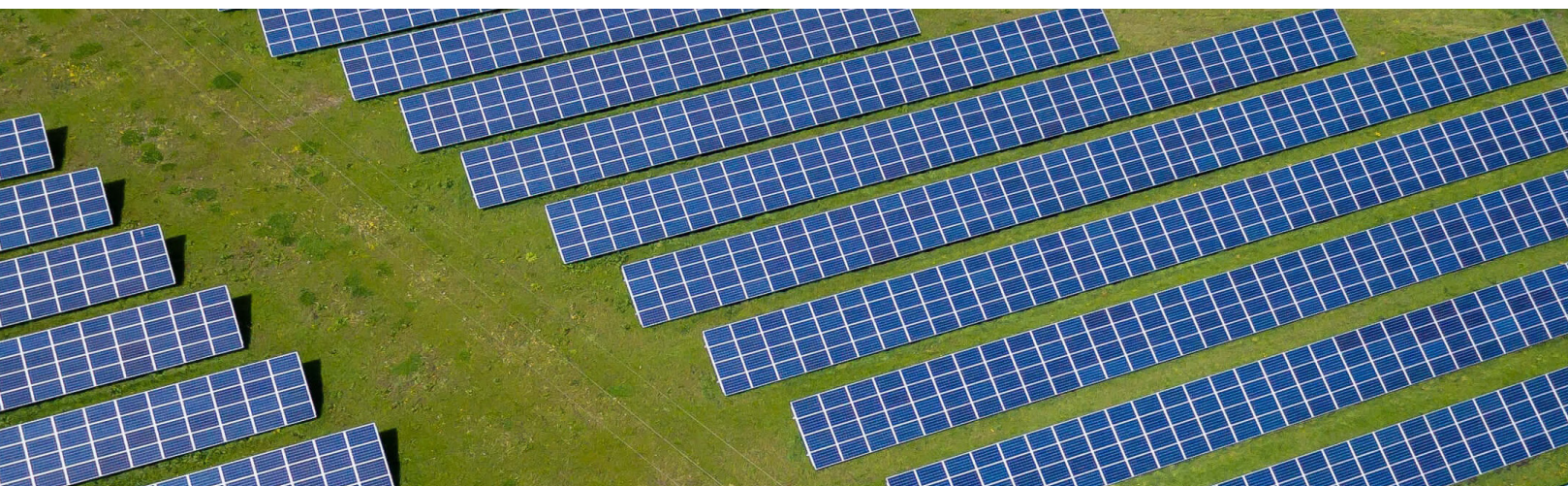


5. Respect for everyone.

We want a city that respects and values everyone; where everyone plays their part in making our great city even greater, where older people are looked after when they need it, and where our children and young people are kept safe. It is vital that we respect, hear and support our minority communities and our LGBTQ+ communities.

Our pledges on respect for everyone:

- Support more community gardening schemes for older people and tackle loneliness.
- Ensure all children are safe and families are supported.
- Tackle anti-social behaviour and support more community policing.



6. The world's most sustainable city.

We have committed to making MK the world's most sustainable city and ensuring it becomes carbon neutral by 2030. However, the impact of climate change is already here so we are also committed to mitigating the impact on our communities.

Our pledges on the world's most sustainable city:

- Insulate 1,500 council properties by 2024 to increase energy efficiency.
- Develop plans for an MK Council-led solar energy farm.
- Create a new country park using Bletchley's Blue Lagoon.

