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MKCCM CITY CENTRE OPERATIONS UPDATE**Neighbourhood Team for CMK**

Environment now provides localised neighbourhood management and service delivery, working closely with local bodies to meet locally determined priorities to improve quality of life. The team consists of Carmen Kane, Neighbourhood Manager; Chris Fripp and Sean Moran, Neighbourhood Engagement Officers and Rob Harriman, Community Warden. Carmen Kane will be responsible for liaising with members, communities, businesses and parish councils, other agencies and stakeholders, to determine how local needs, preferences and priorities are addressed, delivering a cross cutting service.

CMK Landscaping

In the regional Britain in Bloom Awards, Milton Keynes was awarded a Gold Award in the Best Large City category. MKC would like to thank to thecentre:mk's contribution to this success as the judges visited the tropical planting on the malls during their tour in the summer. Milton Keynes has now been chosen to represent the Thames and Chiltern Region in the National Britain in Bloom competition. We would like to encourage more commercial participation for information on how you can get involved please see: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/parks-and-open-space/, call 01908 252592 or see www.theparkstrust.com.

Autumn leaves

Leaf clearing: the city centre crew are starting an hour earlier from Monday 1 November for the next 8 weeks (approx). The 4 operatives will be using this extra hour together with 2 large mechanical sweepers to work their way round the city centre area clearing the fallen leaves. They will of course also be clearing accumulations of leaves during their daily rounds and there are other resources that can be used in case of emergencies. The leaves will be recycled by being turned into compost on a local farm. Last year over 240 tonnes of leaves were recycled over the whole borough.

Granite Repair / Replacement

MKC have been working with a local engineering firm to develop an anti skateboarding fixture that will be retro fitted to the granite in CMK. They will be installing and monitoring this pilot project to assess its effectiveness. Paving repairs outside Saxon Court have also been carried out.

Porte Cocheres (Covered Walkways)

Drainage, painting and ceiling repairs are in progress on the Porte Cocheres.

Reporting issues

The first step when reporting an environmental issue should be to either ring the helpline on **01908 252570** or report through the website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/street-care/

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CONSULTATIONS & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**Changes to charging for non-residential Adult Social Care Services**

Milton Keynes Council is reviewing the charges that people pay towards the cost of their adult social care services to support them to live in their own homes. The proposals have been developed as the current charges do not reflect the costs of the services and with the introduction of personal budgets need to review how to calculate what people will/would pay. For more information see [Milton Keynes Council](#) or email: ASCcommunications@milton-keynes.gov.uk. Consultation began on 08 October closing date is 06 January 2011.

Housing Strategy Consultation Paper

Milton Keynes Council is leading the development of a new housing strategy. They want to understand what is important to you. The strategy sets out how they will provide access to good quality, well maintained housing. This is fundamental to improving quality of life for everyone who lives here and supporting educational achievement, health and prosperity. The strategy has three main themes: Building New Homes; Making the Best Use of Existing Homes and Support Our Residents. For more information see [Milton Keynes Council](#) or email: housing.strategy@milton-keynes.gov.uk. Consultation began on 20 September closing date is 13 December 2010.

Local Economic Assessment Consultation

The Local Economic Assessment (LEA) will provide a comprehensive and robust analysis of local economic conditions which will inform on the actions, strategies and directions to be taken by the Council and its partners. The LEA is a statutory requirement and will cover all economic issues including business and enterprise, people and enterprise, sustainable economic growth, economic social and environmental issues. A consultation of local businesses has recently been concluded with results forming the initial stages of the assessment. For more information see [Milton Keynes Council](#) or email: business-survey@milton-keynes.gov.uk. Consultation began on 19 October closing date is 01 December 2010.

Core Strategy: Revised Proposed Submission Version

The Core Strategy is an important document which forms part of the Council's Local Development Framework. The document sets out the level of growth planned for Milton Keynes and identifies where this growth will happen. With the withdrawal of the South East Plan it has given the Council the opportunity to review its plans for the future of the Borough without housing targets imposed at regional level. For more information see [Milton Keynes Council](#) or email: corestrategy@milton-keynes.gov.uk. Consultation began on 06 October closing date is 17 November 2010.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The 2010 Events Calendar details events being held in and around Milton Keynes. If you would like to include your city centre event please email carmel.blyth@mkccm.org. For more information see: [MKCCM: Events Calendar 2010](#)

thecentre:mk - Middleton Hall (by John Lewis)

Oceans Home and Garden – now until 14 November - an exhibition of the new seasons range of indoor products.

Christmas Show - 19 November - the "Christmas Storyland Adventure" including Santa's Grotto, an indoor ferris wheel and a double decker carousel. There will also be a walk through wishing pool with all proceeds going to two local charities, The Brain Injuries Rehabilitation Trust and Milton Keynes & North Bucks RSPCA, a Christmas market selling seasonal goods, and a variety of Christmas scenes designed to celebrate the yuletide. Bookings for Santa's Grotto can now be made go to: www.thecentremk.com. For more information on all events in Middleton Hall see: [thecentre:mk](#)

Midsummer Place

At Waterstone's see Al Murray's The Pub Landlord's Great British Pub Quick Book (7 Nov, 11:30am till 12:30pm) and Hairy Bikers 12 Days of Christmas (11 Nov, 5:30pm).

Christmas light switch on will take place on 12 November, for more information see: [Midsummer Place](#)

Theatre District - 28 November at 4pm

Christmas Light Switch On in aid of the Mayor's Charities Willen Hospice and Bletchley Park. Activities start from 4pm till 6pm and include the Mayor switching on the lights, Milton Keynes Brass, Britain's Got Talent finalists Nemesis, Mascot fun and much more. For more information about What's On and Theatre District venues go to: [Theatre District](#)

FRINGEMK – Exhibitions in Midsummer Place and thecentre:mk

"FRINGEMK 'Urban Games' activities continue in the run-up towards Christmas. If you have not already registered for 'Glosht' the ultra-violet graffiti treasure hunt around your city, its easy to sign up; just go to the information point in Midsummer Place and collect your free UV torch and 3D specs. The hunt is both in the real world and on-line, it is free to enter and the winning group or individual collects a £1000 prize.

The Fool's Journey – on the 20 November FRINGEMK's dance piece, will take place in Midsummer Place at 12pm with a second performance at 2pm. Choreographer Helen Parlor and lead dancer Chris Bradley have collaborated with international dancers and martial artists to animate the piece, written by Annett

and with an original soundtrack by Nathaniel Reed. The dance has a 'finale' which has been taught to 22 groups in MK who will join the professional troop, to create vast, free, public, performances.

The Forgotten Quarter - Exhibitions – is currently showing at the Project Space 1 in Midsummer Place until 28 November involving a series of camera obscura photographs by Anthony Carr.

FRINGEMK Faceboard will be working with MK Domestic Violence Open Forum, SaferMK and Interaction-mk, for White Ribbon Week, with several installations in Midsummer Place opening on the week of 22nd November - go to www.fringemk.com for more information. All FRINGEMK events are free and open to the general public.

Parks Trust Programme – Discover the magic of autumn by joining one of The Parks Trust organised events this November. For more information on what's on in the park visit: www.theparkstrust.com

MK Gallery

Current Exhibition: Andrew Lord (Until 28 November)

Now entering its final weeks, this exhibition charts the development of British artist Andrew Lord's thirty year career, and his exploration of sculptural and pictorial concerns through clay, plaster, beeswax, bronze, drawing, printmaking and video. His work includes sculptures incorporating casts from the body (eyes, ears, mouth) and the use of memory as a sculptural tool. For full details and a downloadable artist interview visit the gallery's new website [here](#).

Project Space Display: Absence + Presence: Edith Garcia (4-28 November)

MK Gallery's Learning Team presents a programme of monthly displays in the Project Space (opposite the Gallery entrance in Margaret Powell Square). This month, Californian born artist Edith Garcia (currently artist-in-residence at Leon School, Bletchley), explores the relationship between the human form and abstraction. For more details see: [here](#).

Regular Events: These include diverse, experimental Thursday evening [Scratch Nights](#), the [Saturday Art Trolley](#) and [Live Guides](#). Full details on the [website](#).

Gallery Open: Tuesday – Friday 12pm till 8pm, Saturday 11am-8pm, Sunday 11am-5pm, closed Mondays.

Admission free.

Milton Keynes City Orchestra

Chamber Roots Season - 27 November 2010 at 7.30pm

The performance will take place at Stantonbury Campus Theatre with conductor Hilary Davan Wetton and soloist Hannah Morgan, playing clarinet. For more information see: www.mkco.org or contact the MKCO Box Office on 01908 558311.

MK Theatre – presents this years pantomime Dick Whittington starring **Dirk Benedict, Joanna Page** and special guest stars **Stavros Flatley**. To find out more or book tickets call Milton Keynes Theatre Box Office on 0844 871 7652 or visit www.ambassador tickets.com/miltonkeynes

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2010 Milton Keynes Christmas cards

Are now available at Stani Gallery, 61 High Street in Stony Stratford and from 1st November also at AIM Gallery within the centre:mk, 759 Midsummer Blvd, CMK. Award winning designer Robert Rusin has created 6 designs using a variety of landmarks and areas of our city. To preview the cards click <http://www.zazzle.com/ziggymk/gifts?cg=196753037198482693> Price per card (with envelope) from £1.95 and they are all printed to highest quality on non-creasing glossy paper, left blank inside for your own personal message. To see more of Robert Rusin works see: www.mkfive.co.uk

Christmas Opening Times

From 29th November every Monday to Friday thecentre:mk and Midsummer Place will be open until 9pm and 7pm on Saturdays. On Sundays it will open between 11am and 5pm.

The Hub:MK - Turtle Bay

Milton Keynes' first Caribbean restaurant and bar, Turtle Bay, opened with a large helping of classic Caribbean heart and soul last night week with over 400 guests attending the launch. Open seven days a week, 12 noon – 11.00 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. at weekends. Log onto www.turtlebay.co.uk to check out news, events and opening offers! Bookings now being taken: 01908 397 888 For more information see: [the hub – milton keynes](#)

300 bus shortlisted for National Award

The Platinum 300 bus has been shortlisted for the 2010 UK Bus Awards. Selected from 200 entries across the country the project has been entered in the 'Wining New Customers' category. The service, run in partnership between Milton Keynes Council, Milton Keynes Partnership and Arriva, was launched in April last year and has so far seen 150,000 passenger journeys with weekly patronage rising by around 3,500 per week at present. The awards ceremony takes place at London's Hilton Hotel on the 16 November

Milton Keynes Council

The next meeting of Milton Keynes Council's Cabinet will take place on 23 November at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council](#)

Destination Milton Keynes – iPhone Application

DMK and digital partner 4fx design and Multimedia Ltd has launched a new free tourism and visitor information iPhone application for the city called Amazing Mk. The application allows you to save your searches and locate venues from where are standing.

Local Transport Plan

Milton Keynes Council is inviting residents to share their views about how transport can be developed across Milton Keynes in the next 15 years. The transport plan has to be submitted to Government in April 2011 as part of the Milton Keynes Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) which will set out the way forward for transport in the next 15 years. To give your views go to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/transport-strategy/ or email transport.strategy@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Thames Valley Police

Are running a series of discussion surgeries, you are invited to go and talk about any issues or concerns that you have within Milton Keynes they will run from 4pm till 4:30pm at Milton Keynes Central Library on the following dates: 04 November / 10 November / 19 November / 24 November / 01 December / 08 December / 15 December / 22 December / 29 December

Remain Vigilant – Please continue to remove all valuable property from your vehicles.

Community Engagement Service Point is an opportunity to speak to an experienced police volunteer who will sign post and help inform you on any queries. The service will be available every Saturday from 13 November running from 10:30am till 12:30pm at Milton Keynes Central Library.

For more information see: [Thames Valley Police Surgeries](#)

Invest Milton Keynes has recorded 83 investment successes for the city, as of 31 October. These have safeguarded 820 jobs and created 711 new jobs. Enquiries for commercial property and land are 10.5% ahead of this time last year. The IMK team recently hosted a visit to the city by the Australian Trade Commission, a valuable addition to its global inward investment network. Congratulations to the winners and organisers of the Milton Keynes Business Excellence Awards! www.investmiltonkeynes.com

Destination Dining in Queens Court – Open till late every night

[Carluccio's](#), [YO! Sushi](#), [Café Rouge](#) and [Nando's](#) are all open for business. The area is open from 8am until 11pm daily, please check each restaurants individual trading hours. To access Destination Dining up until midnight daily please use either Door 5, located on the Silbury Boulevard side between Starbucks and Waterstone's or Door 6, located on Midsummer Boulevard between McDonalds and Fraser Hart Jewellers: www.destinationdiningmk.co.uk

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ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES

Consultation on Changes to Central Milton Keynes Parking

On 28 September 2010, Milton Keynes Council Cabinet approved some changes to the CMK Parking Scheme, subject to statutory consultation. This is due to commence on 11 November 2010 for a 3 week period ending on 2 December 2010. Any representations about or objections to the proposals, together with grounds on which they are made should be **sent in writing (not by email)** to the Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Milton Keynes Council, PO Box 111, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ **to be received** no later than 2 December 2010 quoting reference 1571/2759/BAS. To view the proposals see: [Milton Keynes Council - Parking](#)

Arriva Buses

Pre-purchase your Arriva Day Saver Bus Ticket – you are able to use you mobile phone to purchase your

bus ticket at £3.20 per day (which will cover all your journeys). Set it up by registering at arrivabus.co.uk/mticket or text 'Reg' to 82500. You simply show the driver your pre-purchased m-ticket on your mobile phone screen.

From 28 November, Arriva are introducing a brand new return ticket to make it easier and cheaper to travel between CMK and the Rail Station. The £2 day return ticket will be available from the driver. With over 20 buses in each direction there is no need to get a taxi or walk. Hop on a warm dry bus and let Arriva drop you right where you need to be. Other fare revisions take place on the same day, for more information, visit www.arrivabus.co.uk

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN MILTON KEYNES

Coachway

The coachway enters the final stage of development as Milton Keynes Council has handed over the building to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). HCA will start the final fit out prior to the opening on the 13 December.

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If there is information that you would like to hear about that we currently do not cover either in our e-newsletter, website or on our four Development Information Sites, please advise us. If you see anything operational within CMK that you feel needs addressing let us know and our City Centre Manager and Operations Group can look into it. For more information on our Operations Group and Centre Management role please see: www.mkccm.co.uk.

Whilst every care has been taken in putting together this e-newsletter any errors of fact or omissions are the author's. Please forward any corrections, suggestions and additional names and e-mail addresses to me for anyone interested in receiving a copy.

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