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News from the Town Deal Team, working to renew and transform Bletchley and Fenny Stratford

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New grants scheme for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford businesses



Milton Keynes City Council has launched grant schemes for business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.

Start-ups can apply for up to £2,500 and existing business owners for up to £5,000. The initiative is co-funded by the City Council and the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal and it supports the city council's vision to drive business growth and create jobs for local people.

Start-ups will need to prove that they have a business ready to be launched in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford, or have been operating for three years or less and need support to develop. The grant can be used for marketing, branding, training, business planning, financial

Existing businesses must demonstrate an ambition to grow by introducing new products or services, or by scaling up their current offer. The grant could be used to buy new equipment, cover consultancy costs, staff training, rebranding, software development or repairs and maintenance of premises.

Firms need to have been operating for a minimum of three years in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.

The grant scheme is now live and will run until March 2025 or whilst funds are available. Further information and details on how to apply are available on the [Groundbreaking Bletchley and Fenny Stratford website](#).

New Business Narrative for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford



Milton Keynes City Council has launched a new Business Narrative for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford. As part of the Town Deal programme, Milton Keynes City Council has been working to develop a new business narrative to help promote Bletchley and Fenny Stratford. This narrative provides a strong and compelling story about why Bletchley and Fenny Stratford is an attractive area for businesses to locate to and invest in.

The Business Narrative is free to use; enabling local businesses and organisations to effectively promote Bletchley and Fenny Stratford. The Business Narrative brochure, a text version of the narrative, key facts and an image bank are available to download here: [New Business Narrative for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford | Groundbreaking Bletchley and Fenny Town Deal](#)

We are looking forward to seeing businesses, entrepreneurs, commercial agents and organisations utilising the new narrative and all its assets. You can choose to use all or part of the narrative, infographics, images within your own marketing material.

Public realm improvements consultation



The summer consultations have finished on the public realm improvements for Queensway and Aylesbury Street, and on the works on Saxon Street to create an accessible and inspiring gateway into the town centre.

The Town Deal team delivered 12 consultation events between 3 August – 22 September, giving the public and key stakeholders the opportunity to have their say on the emerging designs. We gathered additional valuable feedback via our online Commonplace platform and from residents who filled out paper questionnaires. Thank you all for your contributions.

Our next steps include sharing a response to your feedback in the form of a, 'you said, we listened and considered' report. After the report, detailed designs will be prepared, with final designs shared with you in Spring 2025. Construction is expected to start in Summer 2025.

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The redevelopment of the former Sainsbury's site is underway with 70% of the building demolished. The work is due to be completed by 15 November 2024.

This site and the Brunel Centre, forms part of our ambitious plans to create a modern mixed-use development that caters for the future needs of Bletchley.

We will keep you updated on progress.

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Free Business Networking Event - October 2024



Come and join us.

On 22 October 2024 our next monthly business networking event will be taking place from 5.30pm – 6.30pm at DaVinci Café on Queensway, for local Bletchley and Fenny Stratford entrepreneurs and businesses.

This is a great opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and learn more about what's happening in the area.

Click [here](#) to book your place, spaces are limited.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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For more information on the Towns Fund, visit the Groundbreaking Bletchley and Fenny website:

<https://groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk/>



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