



DATED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2022

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Supporting and developing the pipeline of planners

1. The following parties, namely,

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL (MKC) PLANNING SERVICE and

ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE (RTPI)

have agreed to co-operate with the purpose of championing professional planners and the career journey through a local 'planning academy' programme, supporting the development of a planning profession that is as diverse as the communities it represents, ensuring it makes a major contribution to achieving sustainable development in ways that are fair and equitable.


2. Opportunities include:

- Promoting the importance of investing in planning, championing the important role of Chief Planning Officers, and emphasising public awareness of the purpose of planning within local government.
- Collaborating on outreach around the planning profession in schools and universities as an exciting and rewarding career, including work experience schemes.
- Growing, and increasing the diversity and inclusivity of, RTPI membership and the local planning workforce.
- Partnering on professional development support and the nurturing of planners throughout their career.
- Engaging with apprenticeships, accredited planning education, CPD and training in planning.
- Mentoring the progression to Chartered Town Planner status.

3. The Parties agree:

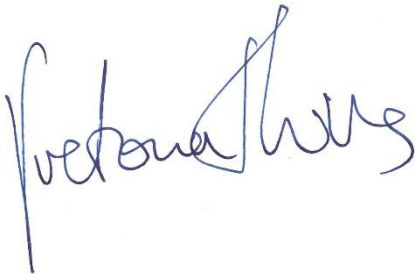
- to share lessons learned from the outputs and outcomes of this memorandum and any review of programmes, to allow the identification of good practice for the benefit of future projects supporting planning and local government.
- that any cost of participation in this memorandum shall be borne by each organization separately and without the expectation of reimbursement. This memorandum does not impose and will not impose any financial and legal obligations on the parties.
- not to disclose any confidential information disclosed to each other, to any third parties and to use such information strictly for the purpose of planning and organizing the programmes.
- not to use the name of the other party for any other purpose whether in relation to advertisement or publicity without the prior written consent of that party
- that this memorandum is to January 2025 unless extended by mutual agreement. Each party is participating in this memorandum voluntarily and may terminate their involvement at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.
- that disputes between parties to this memorandum shall be settled amicably by means of negotiation in the spirit of friendship and partnership.

Signed by for and on behalf of
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL



Name: Paul Thomas MRTPI
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Signed by for and on behalf of
ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE



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