2017: The year so far...

The Luton Investment Framework - our 20-year plan for major transformation through inward investment - is going from strength to strength and the first three months of 2017 reflect this.

From a 25% increase in business start-ups last year, to a trend-bucking rise in town centre visitors – and great broadband connectivity too – Luton 2017 has already got lots to shout about and we have been doing just that.

Luton showcased to the world at the prestigious MIPIM International Conference where we officially launched the first two phases of the London Luton Airport Enterprise Zone to a packed audience of developers, investors and public sector industry experts.

There are lots of exciting developments and opportunities as part of the Luton Investment Framework and we’re committed to ensuring that everyone in Luton is in the best position possible to benefit and take advantage of these opportunities across all areas from skills and education to housing, social care to infrastructure, leisure to environment.

Aspirations in Luton are continuing to grow and I want to say a thank you to our people at the Council, local businesses, development partners and residents who are working with us to make Luton a better place to live, work and enjoy.

Clr Hazel Simmons
Leader of Luton Council
The University of Bedfordshire, which last year leapt into the World University rankings ahead of many of its competitors, bucked an underlying trend with an 11% growth in its student undergraduate population for 2015/16, while other universities flat lined with a growth of just 1% overall. This meant for year on year growth, Bedfordshire was 16th out of 138 universities, outperforming many Russell Group universities.

The Mall had a record breaking Christmas 2016 with almost 2 million visitors in one month.

LLA’s largest airline easyJet flew more than five million passengers from its home airport during 2016, a growth of 13% compared to the previous year. The airline is also continuing to expand the number of destinations available from LLA, adding seven new routes since November including Valencia, Marseille, Nantes, Stockholm, Isle of Man, Zadar and Biarritz.

This year easyJet is increasing the number of seats on sale by 17% to over six million. Additionally, it has added a further four aircraft to its fleet at LLA bringing the total number to 23.
Passenger numbers increased by 18.5% to 14.5 million, they welcomed more airlines, added dozens of new routes and embarked on an ambitious redevelopment.

J2 Global receives planning permission for the £300 million Napier Park redevelopment.

Engineering students from Luton Sixth Form College returned to LLA to see how the redevelopment was progressing. The students visited six months previously at the invitation of principal contractor, McLaughlin & Harvey. The teenagers are studying for BTEC Level Three Diploma in Engineering and will have the opportunity for work placements later in the year.

Works begin on the Redrow housing development on the former Vauxhall development. This will see a total of 650 new homes on the site.

Luton in partnership with Central Bedfordshire, Bedford and Milton Keynes has secured £623,000 to deliver the Rough Sleepers outreach programme.
Planning application submitted for the £200 million Luton Direct Air to Rail Transit (DART).

The Council announces an investment of £2.9 million in driving the Luton Investment Framework forward which will include a new skills programme, aspiration centre and improvements to the town centre.

Successful visit by the National Infrastructure Commission to Luton.

The University of Bedfordshire announces RG Carter as the preferred contractor to build the new £40 million STEM building.

OVER ONE MILLION TRAVELLERS PASSED THROUGH THE AIRPORT, MARKING 35 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF DOUBLE-DIGIT PASSENGER GROWTH
Keech Hospice Care is ranked within The Times 100 as one of the best not for profit employers. They were ranked as 71st.

Love Luton hosts a successful business breakfast with key note speaker Greg Whyte OBE.

Luton announces that it’s aiming to become UK City of Culture in 2025.

Wizz Air announces a UK base at London Luton Airport.

Full Council meeting is live streamed for the first time.

Lewsey Sports Park and Pool celebrated its fifth birthday in February with the opening of a new £25,000 spinning studio, complete with 20 new spinning bikes.
Luton hosted another successful LETs fair. Almost 1000 people attended throughout the day to hear about hundreds of local job and training opportunities and receive expert career advice and guidance from 50 local businesses, education and training providers and recruitment agencies.

The Bedfordshire Police Community Cohesion Awards ceremony was attended by over 300 representatives of community groups, volunteers and members of the public from Bedfordshire. The event acknowledged the work of those groups and individuals who help keep communities in the county safe. The guests joined officers and staff from Bedfordshire Police and the Community Cohesion Team in celebrating achievements recognised in 21 award categories at the event held in Luton.

Active Luton secure a further £134k of funding to continue the very successful ME time programme.

The Baby Buddy app, which offers support, information and advice for parents-to-be and new parents, is now available in Luton.
The Town centre street drinking project will continue thanks to Luton BID funding. The BID’s backing had a positive impact on NOAH Enterprise’s Sept-Nov 2016 targets with 53 street drinkers being moved out of the town centre, 13 homeless people being found accommodation and 17 people referred into an alcohol treatment programme.

London Luton Airport Limited presents Bartlett Square and Century Park at the annual MIPIM conference.

Luton celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight.

The Great British Spring Clean came to Luton at the beginning of March with hundreds of residents taking part and signing the pledge to keep Luton tidy.

LBC IS AWARDED £2.4 MILLION FROM THE GOVERNMENT’S CHILDREN’S SOCIAL CARE INNOVATION PROGRAMME TO REVOLUTIONISE OUR CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

The service aims to achieve better health and educational outcomes for children and to help keep families safely together.

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The £25m Marsh Farm re-development completes phase 1 and starts phase 2.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON

CENTURY PARK

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

OF MARCH

- Challney Boys and Denbigh High School are in the top 5% of schools nationally for progress made between key stage 2 and the end of key stage 4.
- Local firm Ryebridge secures a £7 million airport contract which will bring a further 40 local jobs for the town.
- Luton Culture has secured more than £150,000 from the Arts Council to develop Library Makers – a network of voluntary community advocates who will support library development and ensure the needs of vulnerable/non-users are met. Library Makers is based on the success of Luton Culture’s Museum Makers.

LONDON LUTON AIRPORT HAS CONTRIBUTED £136,000 TO GOOD CAUSES IN LUTON OVER THE LAST YEAR
Barnfield College meets all standards of the UK Quality Mark. The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) confirmed that the College ‘meets UK expectations’ in all four areas – the quality of student learning opportunities and information about learning opportunities, the maintenance of academic standards of awards offered and the enhancement of student learning opportunities. The college also celebrated Investors in Diversity Award at Stage 2.

Luton hosted its annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration on Sunday 19th March 2017.

Luton Town Football Club’s plans for a new stadium at Power Court and mixed-use development at Newlands Park were hailed at a global architectural awards ceremony in Cannes, France.

Works have began on the new Metro Bank in Luton town centre. The old Staples building will be demolished making way for a new build. The new bank will bring 25 new local jobs.
Opportunity
Aspiration
Prosperity

The Luton Investment Framework
Luton in numbers

22 MINUTES
BY TRAIN FROM LONDON

ONE OF THE
5 MOST
AFFORDABLE
TOWNS IN THE COUNTRY FOR COMMUTING TO LONDON

UK’S 5TH BUSIEST AND FASTEST-GROWING AIRPORT
100+ DESTINATIONS ACROSS FOUR CONTINENTS

ONE OF THE TOWNS IN THE COUNTRY FOR COMMUTING TO LONDON

LONDON LUTON AIRPORT CONTRIBUTES
£2,000 EVERY MINUTE TO THE UK ECONOMY

18,500 NEW JOBS

MORE THAN £1.5 BILLION PRIVATE INVESTMENT

RICH CULTURE AND HERITAGE
122 LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS, AWARD-WINNING MUSEUMS AND PARKS

92% OF CHILDREN ATTEND GOOD OR EXCELLENT SCHOOLS
PLUS HALF A BILLION POUNDS SPENT ON IMPROVING EDUCATION FACILITIES

8 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SITES
ENGINEERING, INNOVATION, EMPLOYMENT, LEISURE, RETAIL, OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND HOUSING

TOP UK CITY FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY
97.6% OF ADDRESSES CAN CONNECT TO SUPER-FAST BROADBAND

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